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MINUTES.

BALDWYN, MISSISSIPPI, September 30, 1870.

The Tenth Annual Session of the Tishomingo Baptist Association convened with the church at Baldwyn as above. The Introductory sermon was deferred until night, and preached by Elder J. T. Freeman.

The delegates met at 3 o'clock p. m. The Moderator being absent, Elder J. T. Freeman was called to the chair, who made a few pertinent remarks, and after prayer by Elder O. D. Fitzgerald, declared the Association ready for business.

Elders L. R. Burress and E. Z. Simmons, by appointment, read the letters from the several churches. [For names of delegates and condition of the churches, see statistical table.]

PETITIONARY LETTERS.

were received from the following churches, which were thereupon received into the body: Oak Hill, New Salem and Shady Grove.

The Association then proceeded to elect officers. Elder M. P. Lowrey and Bro. —— Level acting as tellers, who reported J. T. Freeman chosen Moderator, and J. M. Martin, Clerk.

Correspondence being called for, Elder M. P. Lowrey presented a letter from the Tippah Association, and was received as a corresponding messenger, and also as messenger from the Baptist State Convention.

Elder James Nelson, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, was received in his official capacity, and took a prominent part in the business of the Association.

J. B. Gambrell and Elder E. Smyth presented a letter of correspondence from the Chickasaw Association, and were welcomed to seats.

Elders A. L. Stovall, T. P. Montgomery and J. J. Andrews, bearing a letter from the Judson Association, were received and welcomed to seats.

Elder Wm. Matthews and Bro. Looney were received as corresponding messengers from the Big Bear Creek Association.

Bro. — Level was recognized as a corresponding messenger from the Aberdeen Association, and welcomed to a seat.

Elder E. Z. Simmons, of this Association, was recognized a representative of the Foreign Mission Board, at Richmond.

COMMITTEE ON PREACHING

was appointed, consisting of M. Taylor, F. Hall, and the pastor and deacons of Baldwin church.

THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

in last year's minutes was adopted, namely:

1. Read the Rules of Decorum.
2. Call for Correspondence.
3. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
4. Appoint brethren to report at the next meeting of this body, and committees to report at present session.
5. Appoint Corresponding Messengers to other religious bodies with which we correspond.
6. Call for Reports.
7. Call for Queries.
8. Elect Executive Board.
9. Appoint time and place for holding the next meeting of this body, and elect a brother to preach the Introductory Sermon.
10. Call the roll and mark absentees.
11. Resolutions and miscellaneous business.

The meeting then adjourned to meet again on Saturday morning at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock.

Closing prayer by Elder Jas. Nelson.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1870.

The Association opened with prayer, Elder Wm. Matthews leading.

The following committees were appointed to report at the present session:

On Finance—R. H. Hoshall, E. J. Callahan, and F. Hall.

On Publications—H. S. Archer, J. V. Alexander, and A. W. Petty.

On Queries—O. D. Fitzgerald, James Roberson and H. M. Cobb.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools read a report, which called forth addresses by the Moderator, L. R. Burress and O. D. Fitzgerald, after which it was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools report that owing to the little space allowed for argument in a report of this character, we deem it unnecessary to do more than to allude to the great obligations resting on Baptists, to avail themselves of every possible means of having their children thoroughly taught, not only in the fundamental truths of the Gospel, but also in the leading doctrines and characteristics which peculiarly distinguish us as a denomination. It seems superfluous, in the light of past experience, to extend this report by an effort to prove that Sabbath Schools stand pre-eminently prominent as a means for the accomplishment of this end. That they have proved a blessing to thousands will not be denied. That they are in the fullest degree practicable has been abundantly illustrated.

From the information now before us, we are of opinion that the majority of the churches in this Association are neglecting Sunday School efforts altogether, and of those who do sustain schools, the majority are conducting them on the union plan. Union schools are recommended and approved where the circumstances are such as to render a Baptist school inexpedient, but our observation teaches us that they are almost invariably short-lived, and always so circumstanced as to forbid the teaching of much that we deem important truth. The church at Rienzi has kept up a Sunday School, in which, in addition to the Bible, Baptist literature is used, and for nearly four years the plan has been found to work well. The church at Corinth has been similarly engaged with similar results. Kossuth and Mt. Olive churches have also tried the experiment of denominational schools with satisfactory results.

It is believed to be in the power of almost any church to keep up a Sunday School. A prompt attendance of Superintendents and teachers will insure the attendance of pupils. Any church, therefore, may confer a great benefit on the young of their charge, by organizing and perpetuating a well-ordered Sunday School, and a very important duty is neglected when such is not the case. Let it be our effort, as churches of the Tishomingo Association, to have a Sunday School in every church, and every child in the Sunday School.

J. M. MARTIN.

Bro. Cook, Clerk of the Judson Association, was announced, recognized as a messenger from said Association, and invited to a seat.

The Moderator appointed the following committees to report at the next session of this body.

On Ministerial Education—L. R. Burress, J. F. Harris, J. F. Belsher.

On Domestic Missions—F. L. Seward, H. G. Savage, J. Wheelock.

On the Condition of our Sabbath Schools—T. F. Parker, M. M. Saunders, R. H. Hoshall.

On the Relative Duties of Pastors and Churches—J. M. Martin, J. D. Bills, J. V. Alexander.

On Foreign Missions—H. G. Savage, J. O. Nelson, J. H. Barnett.

On Systematic Benevolence—J. Andrews, A. W. Petty, J. Skinner.

PUBLICATIONS.

The Committee on Publication presented the following report, which being read, elicited extended addresses from Elders Freeman, Lowrey and Montgomery, and was then adopted as follows:

In view of the manifest indifference on the part of many of our churches in regard to Sabbath Schools, and the circulation of Baptist literature, we recommend to their favorable consideration the publications of the Southwestern Publishing Company, at Memphis; of which we would especially recommend as valuable at this time, "Seclusaval, or the Arts of Romanism," by Mrs. A. C. Graves; "Campbellism Exposed," by A. P. Williams; and "Text Book on Campbellism," by D. B. Ray. The Sunday School books of the S. B. Board, with *Kind Words*, a beautiful and interesting little paper for children, which no Baptist family should be without. Also the *Home and Foreign Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., and the *Christian Herald*, published at Tuscaloosa, Ala. And last, though not least, we recommend the *Baptist*, at Memphis, and would urge its claims, especially in reference to the Mississippi Department, which is now being ably and satisfactorily edited by Elder M. P. Lowrey. Brethren, let us remember that this is OUR PAPER, one page of which has been kindly tendered by its very able editor, Elder J. R. Graves, and accepted by the Baptist Convention of the State, then let us rally to its support, and aid in sustaining Brother Lowrey in the "Mississippi Department."

Respectfully,

H. S. ARCHER,
A. W. PETTY,
J. V. ALEXANDER, } Committee.

Correspondents were then appointed to the following religious bodies:

Chickasaw Association.—Elders O. D. Fitzgerald, F. L. Seward, L. R. Burress and Bro. J. P. Burge. It meets Friday before the third Saturday in September.

Big Bear Creek Association.—Elders T. F. Parker, H. S. Archer, James Robeson, and Bro. A. N. Greer. Time of meeting, Thursday before the second Sunday in October.

Tippah Association.—Elders J. T. Freeman, L. R. Burress, H. S. Archer, and Bros. R. H. Hoshall and A. W. Petty. It meet

with the Academy Church, eight miles south of Ripley, Friday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1871.

Judson Association.—Elders T. F. Parker, J. P. Gray, D. W. Andrews, H. G. Savage and F. L. Seward. It meets six miles east of Verona, Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1871.

Unity Association.—Elders H. G. Savage, James Robeson, and Bro. E. J. Calahan. It meets Friday before the second Sunday in September.

General Association of North Alabama.—Elders E. Z. Simmons, J. T. Freeman, F. L. Seward, John Wheelock, J. P. Gray, and Brethren M. M. Saunders and Dr. S. M. Vernon. It meets at Huntsville, Friday before the third Sunday in October.

Mississippi Baptist State Convention.—Elders O. D. Fitzgerald, H. S. Archer, J. T. Freeman, L. R. Burress, and Brethren Thomas Burress, J. M. Martin and Dr. S. M. Vernon. It meets at Crystal Springs, Thursday before the first Sunday in June, 1871.

Southern Baptist Convention.—Elders J. T. Freeman, L. R. Burress, and Brethren R. H. Hoshall, M. M. Saunders, J. M. Martin and J. D. Bills. It meets at St. Louis, Mo., Thursday before the second Sunday in May, 1871.

Resolved, That any member of this body bearing a copy of our Minutes shall be authorized to represent us in any religious body of our faith and order.

Elder Smith was announced, and publicly recognized as a Corresponding Messenger from the Judson Association.

Adjourned to half past two o'clock, closing with prayer by Elder M. P. Lowrey.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association was opened with prayer, Elder M. P. Lowrey leading.

On motion, the house proceeded to the election of an Executive Board, which resulted in the re-election of J. L. Bramlett, J. O. Nelson, J. H. Barnett, E. J. Calahan and F. Hall.

Elders T. P. Montgomery and A. L. Stovall addressed the meeting in favor of building a Baptist Female Institute at Tupelo, Miss. This project was inaugurated by the Judson Association, which proposes by the co-operation of adjoining Associations, to establish this school upon a basis of \$9000, to be obtained by a four years' loan without interest.

The Association resolved to co-operate with the Judson Association in this enterprise.

Brother Joel H. Berry was announced and recognized as a Corresponding Messenger from Tippah Association.

Elder R. H. Graves, a returned missionary from China, was introduced to the Association, and recognized as an agent of the Foreign Mission Board.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions read their report, which, after some stirring speeches by several brethren, was adopted as follows:

Dear Brethren: We feel at a loss to present this subject before you in that way, which its great importance demands, or that would be effectual in arousing the churches to action. The past history of this Association shows that in all its labors and expenditures none have been so abundantly blessed as our Home Mission work.

Brethren Lowrey, Kendall and others—men of God, as missionaries under our direction, did much to build up the cause of Christ in our midst; but how sad now to confess that for the past year we have had no missionary in the field. We have an Executive Board and a Treasurer, but no means have been put in their hands for this great work. Brethren, ought this to be so? Do we not stand, like Samson shorn of his strength, and unable to resist the Philistines? In a word, is there not danger of the Wicked One gaining ground in our midst?

Your Committee recommend that we revert back to old principles and secure the means to supply our treasury by donations, subscriptions and all other available means; and that we solicit the co-operation of the Marion Board and place our operations under their direction. We further recommend that some practicable system of colportage be added to the missionary work in order to a more general diffusion of our denominational literature.

O. D. FITZGERALD, *Chairman.*

To aid the Home Mission work subscriptions were taken as follows:

Corinth church.....	\$50 00	J. D. Bills.....	\$10 00
Mt. Olive "	20 00	J. H. Kay.....	10 00
T. R. Willet.....	2 00	R. M. Martin.....	5 00
Booneville church.....	10 00	K. G. Massey.....	5 00
Indian Creek "	10.00	J. Skinner.....	5'00
L. R. Burress (conditional).....	100 00	G. W. Walton.....	2 50
W. L. Burrow.....	5 00	E. T. Smith.....	5 00
Sardis church.....	5 00	J. F. Harris.....	10 00
Oak Hill "	5 00	J. O. Pritchard.....	2 00
Oak Grove"	10 00	John Perkins.....	5.00
Orsburn's Creek church.....	20 00	S. M. Vernon.....	2 00
Henkle's " "	10 00	D. B. Taylor.....	1 00
W. E. Berry (paid).....	60	R. H. Graves (paid).....	1 00
Mrs. A. M. Belsher.....	1 00	Miss Belle Fitzgerald.....	1 00
Mrs. N. A. Donoho.....	1 00	Miss Bettie Shelton (paid).....	50
Mrs. W. A. Adams.....	1 00	Miss L. H. Jones.....	50
Mrs. Lou Porter.....	1 00	H. D. McCollum.....	2 00

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The Association unanimously

Resolved. That the delegates present state to their several churches within the next month the condition of our Associational missions, and request that they supply at least fifty cents for each member for this object, and forward the same to the Treasurer of the Executive Board, and that each church be requested to report in the letter next year the amounts they are willing to pay for our Home Missionary work.

After hearing a report from the Committee on Ministerial Education, the Association adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 8 o'clock. Prayer by Eld. M. P. Lowrey.

MONDAY MORNING, October 3.

The Association was opened with prayer by Bro. Gambrell, the Moderator being absent. Elder L. R. Burress was appointed Moderator, *pro tem.*

A committee was appointed to determine the time and place of holding the next session of this body, viz: J. Skinner, M. Taylor and —— Soard, who soon thereafter reported in favor of meeting with the Henkle's Creek Church, on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1871; which was agreed to.

The Committee on Foreign Missions read the following report, which, after some remarks by Elder R. H. Graves touching the habits and religious condition of the people of China, was adopted:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This is a subject of vast importance, and we think not only demands our words of commendation and best wishes, but our earnest prayers and liberal contributions. The spirit of missions was fully exemplified by our divine Master in his work for our salvation. He left Heaven to visit a world enthralled in moral darkness and misery, and when about to leave those whom he had introduced into the light of his glorious gospel, he said to them, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature;" and if we would imitate him, obey his teachings and prove ourselves the light of the world, we must send forth his light and truth to the ends of the earth. The Lord has not commanded us to do anything but that he will bless us with the ability to accomplish, if we but employ the powers given us. Therefore, we urge the organization of missionary prayer meetings in the churches of this Association: We need more earnest and faithful prayer upon this subject. Christ has commanded us to pray for more laborers. The foreign field is already white unto harvest. China with her 400,000,000 of souls is open to the preaching of the gospel, and by many of them the appeal is heard, "Send us missionaries to tell of the dying Jesus". Germany, Spain, and, in short, we might say that almost the whole of Europe is one vast field for missionary labor.

Respectfully submitted,

O. D. FITZGERALD, Chairman.

On account of the absence of their Chairman, the Executive Board was unable to render a report of last year's operations.

On motion, the Treasurer was granted permission to file his report with the Clerk prior to publishing the Minutes.

The Finance Committee reported \$64 15 collected to pay the expense of printing the Minutes of this session.

Elder _____ was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon at our next meeting.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the churches of this Association be requested to observe Friday before the second Sabbath in January next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer for the success of Elder E. Z. Simmons, in his labors as missionary in China.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the brethren and citizens of Baldwyn and vicinity for the very cordial and hospitable entertainment extended our delegates and visitors during the sitting of this body.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered the Mobile and Ohio and the Memphis and Charleston railroad companies for favors extended to the attendants on this meeting.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the Cumberland Presbyterian church for the use of their house of worship during our session. Also, to the M. E. church for kindly withdrawing their appointment occurring at the time of this meeting, and to Capt. J. E. Thompson for the use of the Baldwyn Male and Female Academy.

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to prepare and have printed and circulated 500 copies of the proceedings of this meeting.

Resolved, That the thanks of the delegates are hereby tendered the Moderator and Clerk for efficient services during our session.

Eld. E. Z. Simmons preached a sermon after the business had been disposed of, after which, a hymn was sung, the parting hand mutually extended, and the brethren dispersed to meet at Henkle's Creek church, five miles west from Rienzi, on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1871.

J. M. MARTIN, *Clerk.*

J. T. FREEMAN, *Moderator.*

REMARKS.—There was the usual number of sermons preached during the session to large and well-ordered congregations. Friday at 11 o'clock, Elder J. J. Andrews; Friday night, Elder J. T. Freeman; Saturday, 11 o'clock, Elder T. P. Montgomery; at 3 o'clock, Elder Wm. Matthews; at night, Elder James Nelson. Sunday, at ten o'clock, in the church, Elder A. L. Stovall; in the Academy, Elder M. P. Lowrey; at 3 o'clock, Elder R. H. Graves; at night, Elder M. P. Lowrey, in place of Elder J. T. Freeman, as per arrangement of the committee.

The able and interesting report on Ministerial Education, was returned to the writer or some other person, and the Clerk did not see it afterwards, consequently its non-appearance in the proceedings.

The preparation of the minutes have been delayed to get the Treasurer's report and some other papers from the clerk of the district meetings. The clerk of the First District meeting has failed to furnish the proceeding of said meeting; consequently these minutes must go to press without them. To wait longer would do injustice to the churches who are looking anxiously for the appearance of the minutes.—[CLERK.]

The Ministers and Deacons' meeting for the Second District will be held with the Church at Kossuth, commencing Thursday before the first Sabbath in August, 1871.

The following are the appointed writers and subjects of essays:

H. G. Savage, an Exegesis of Romans viii, 20, 21.

G. M. Savage, an Exegesis of Acts ii, 37, 38.

E. Z. Simmons—*Office and Duty of Deacons.*

J. Skinner—*Ought Baptist Ministers to hold Pulpit Affiliation with Pedobaptists and Campbellites?*

J. P. Gray—*Ought a Pastor to have Charge of more than one Church at a time?*

W. M. Henderson—*Sabbath Schools.*

J. T. Freeman—*The Importance of an Educated Ministry.*

E. J. Calahan—*Temperance,*

G. H. Savage—*Duty of Churches to Pastors.*

W. A. Parrish—*Duty of Sabbath School Teachers.*

W. H. Harris—*The Utility of Reading the Scriptures.*

J. F. Harris—*The True Mission of Christ in the World.*

J. A. Crossland—*Church Communion.*

F. L. Seward—*Did Baptism come in the Room of Circumcision?*

R. T. Gardner—*Exegesis on 1 Peter iii, 18-20.*

J. A. Wheelock—*Exegesis on 1 Corinthians vii, 14.*

J. L. Guthrie—*Exegesis on 1 Timothy iv, 15.*

W. C. Butler—*Exegesis on Romans ix, 20, 21.*

J. H. Ray—*Exegesis on John iii; 5.*

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

F. L. Seward.....	Iuka, Miss.
J. Wheelock.....	"
J. H. Kay.....	Brownsville, Miss.
J. Skinner.....	"
J. P. Gray.....	"
J. T. Freeman.....	Corinth, Miss.
J. G. Mallet.....	"
Jas. Robinson.....	Jacinto, Miss.
O. D. Fitzgerald.....	Rienzi, Miss.
W. M. Henderson.....	"
J. F. Harris.....	"
H. G. Savage.....	"
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J. H. Byrd.....	Antioch, Miss.
P. Scally.....	"
W. M. Johnson.....	Kosciusko, Miss.
H. S. Archer.....	Booneville, Miss.
E. B. McNeill.....	"
L. R. Burress.....	Baldwyn, Miss.
T. F. Parker.....	"
Wm. Archer.....	"
D. W. Andrews.....	Guntown, Miss.
W. C. Butler.....	Chewilla, Tenn.
G. M. Savage.....	Murfreesboro, Tenn.
J. L. Guthrie, Licentiate.	

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	DELEGATES.		
			MISS.	CONF.	MINUTES.
Rienzi.		Rienzi.	Miss.	1	60 00
Mt. Olive.	J. B. Burress.	Baldwyn.	L. B. Barress, W. J. Smith, W. A. Davis	2	129 400
Antioch.	H. G. Savage.	Antioch.	J. H. Barnett, T. P. Norman, W. M. Bynum	2	51 600
Concord.	P. Scally.	Dry Run.	Willis Green.	1	25 100
Orsfurn's Creek.	H. S. Archer.	Booneville.	H. S. Archer, Thos. W. Jones, A. W. Petty	2	102 500
Kossuth.	H. G. Savage.	Kossuth.	F. Hall, E. Z. Simmon, W. R. Richardson	1	82 200
Henkle's Creek.	H. G. Savage.	Kossuth.	W. M. Henderson, J. F. Harris	2	127 300
Pleasant Grove.	T. F. Parker.	Marietta.	J. H. Harris, R. M. Martin, J. F. Richardson	1	42 100
Meadow Creek.	J. H. Kay.	Corinth.	Received a letter.	2	38 445
Brush Creek.	J. F. Parker.	Booieville.	E. T. Smith, J. F. Richard, W. L. Burrow, P. R. Rogers, J. Henderson	1	40 00
Tuscaroria.	J. F. Harris.	Chewalla.	Not reported.	3	81 155
Indian Creek.	W. C. Butler.		Tefin.	7	50
Gravel Hill.			Wm. Kerrill, Wm. Brewer	2	112 200
Big Brown's Creek.	H. G. Savage.		Not reported.	5	40
Shiloh.			A. N. Green, Thos. Taylor, S. M. Vernon	2	13
Booneville.			Received a letter.	5	73 220
Baldwyn.			E. T. Smith, J. V. Alexander, J. Boley	2	3
Dry Run.			John Rogers, J. V. Alexander, J. Boley	4	15 000
Jacinto.			J. W. Morgan, H. Savage, B. Wallace	1	14
Corinth.			Jas. Robertson, James Foxley, R. G. Massey	1	48 145
Burnsville.			J. T. Frooman, E. J. Callahan, M. M. Saunders	1	89 500
Hamburg.			H. M. Colb	1	19 2
Baldwyn.			Not reported.	2	92
Bethel.	T. F. Parker.		Miss., M. Powell, A. Powell	1	3
Cayoe's Creek.			J. Junkin, J. P. Burge, J. D. Davis	2	3
Baldwyn.	L. B. Burress.		G. W. Vayles, J. W. Calvary, Thos. Parker	1	40 400
Union.	G. H. Savage.	Kossuth.	T. B. Willet, J. W. Tacket, Wm. Hill	1	69 200
Sardis.	W. C. Patterson.	Jacinto.	J. Perkins, S. Coln	1	33 800
Farmington.	J. P. Gray.	Corinth.	J. Skinner, T. Washburn, J. Burcham	1	73 200
Burnsville.	J. Skinner.	Burnsville.	Letter filed with the Clerk	1	43 150
Liberty Hill.	J. H. Kay.			1	17
Pebble Hill.				2	30
Oak Grove.	J. F. Harris.	Rienzi.	J. W. Owens, W. L. Owens	1	3
Tabernacle.	D. W. Andrews.	Giantown.	J. A. Taylor, D. B. Taylor, D. W. Andrews	1	28 910
New Hope.	W. C. Butler.	Pocahontas.	Received a letter, but no delegates	1	4
Okla.	J. Wheebeck.	Iuka.	Miss.	7	34 200
Oak Hill.	L. R. Burress.	Baldwyn.	T. J. P. Shaw	1	50 300
New Salem.	J. H. Kay.	Burnsville.	J. H. Kay, J. T. Pratt, W. G. Norris	1	30 000
Shady Grove.	J. Skinner.		J. F. Whitaker, L. Blackard, J. Duncan	1	31 150
Macedonia.			Not reported	4	32 100
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THE Twentieth Collegiate year of this institution will commence on Monday, September 26th, and continue forty weeks.

During the past year over one hundred students have been in attendance, and the indications now are that the number will be greatly increased the coming Session.

Besides the various classes of the Preparatory Department, the four classes of the Collegiate Department will be fully represented. Students for the Degrees of A. B. and B. P., on passing a satisfactory examination in the studies of the lower classes, can enter either of the classes they wish. They will find the course of study as rigid as in the best colleges. Students who wish to take a selected course will be permitted to pursue such studies as they may elect and recite in the regular class, provided their previous attainments shall qualify them to pursue such studies with advantage.

Students for the Ministry are taught free of all charges for tuition and incidental fees, and those who are indigent will be assisted in the payment of their board by the "Ministerial Education Board." Of such students fourteen have been in attendance the past year, and many others have signified their intention of entering at the beginning of the next year. The restraining and elevating moral influence of such young men over other students cannot be over-estimated. Parents who have regard for the morals of their sons should note this fact before deciding upon the college to which to send them.

The Board of Trustees have made arrangements to increase the Faculty to the full extent of demands.

For further information address the President, Rev. Walter Hillman, or send to him for a catalogue.

BENJ. WHITFIELD,

Pres. Board Trustees.

Clinton, Miss., July 9, 1870.

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MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Wishomingo Baptist Association,

HELD AT RIENZI.

SEPTEMBER 3RD, 4TH AND 5TH, 1874.

OFFICERS:

J. T. FREEMAN, Moderator,

J. M. MARTIN, Clerk.

EXECUTIVE BOARD, 1ST DISTRICT.

J. L. BRAMLITT, President,
W. P. McGEE,

J. D. BILLIS, Secretary.
J. O. NELSON,

J. H. BERRY.

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T. F. HOLT,

R. J. FLEMING, Secretary,
JAMES MOODY,

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OF THE
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OF THE

Wishomingo Baptist Association,

HELD AT RIENZI,

SEPTEMBER 3RD, 4TH AND 5TH, 1874.

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MINUTES.

RIENZI, Miss., September 3, 1874.

THE TISHOMINGO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its Fourteenth Annual Session, Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1874, at 3 o'clock, P. M., the former Moderator and Clerk in their seats.

After reading and commenting on the twenty-third Psalm, and uniting the body in prayer, the Moderator appointed J. D. Bills and R. J. Fleming Reading Clerks, by whom the letters from the several churches were read. The list of delegates, as enrolled, will be found in the statistical table that elsewhere appear in these minutes.

Petitionary letters were received from Piney Grove and Glendale churches, which on motion, were received as constituent members of this body, and the hand of the Moderator extended to their respective delegates. A letter petitioning admission was presented as coming from Timber Ridge Church, but as the accredited delegates were not present the church was not admitted.

Prof. M. T. Martin and Eld. T. J. Walne were appointed tellers, and the Association proceeded to elect its officers by ballot, upon the counting of which Eld. J. T. Freeman was announced as Moderator and J. M. Martin Clerk.

After a few well-timed remarks by the Moderator, the Association was declared ready for business. Visiting brethren were invited to seats.

On motion of E. B. McNeil the following order of business was adopted:

First, read the rules of order; second, call for correspondence and invite visiting brethren to seats; third, appoint committees; fourth, appoint correspondents to other religious bodies; fifth, call for reports; sixth, elect executive board; seventh, elect a brother to preach the next introductory sermon, and appoint the time and place for the next meeting of this body; eighth, resolutions and miscellaneous business.

In compliance with the above the rules of order were then read

by E. B. McNeil. After which the Moderator, on motion, appointed the following:

COMMITTEES.

Pulpit Exercises—J. D. Bills and R. J. Fleming, with the deacons of the Rienzi Church.

Finance—T. W. Jones, W. P. McGee, R. J. Fleming.

The State of Religion—J. F. Harris, E. B. McNeil, W. M. Henderson.

Our Duty as Christians to the Freedmen—L. B. Burress, O. D. Fitzgerald, and J. T. Freeman added by motion.

The Orphans' Home—E. B. McNeil, J. D. Bills, J. L. Bramlitt.

Sunday Schools—J. D. Bills, J. M. Martin, R. J. Fleming.

Queries and Difficulties—J. W. Burress, Joshua Smith, H. G. Savage.

Schools and Colleges—L. R. Burress, J. D. Bills, E. F. Hanie.

Ministerial Education—E. B. McNeil, J. L. Bramlitt, J. H. Berry.

Literary and Publication Interests—J. W. Burress, — Wilson, J. L. Bramlitt.

Home Missions—W. M. Henderson, G. H. Savage, P. H. Anderson.

Foreign Missions—L. R. Burress, J. F. Harris, T. R. Williet.

Eld. A. S. Dorris and Bro. Emons were received as Corresponding Messengers from the Unity Association; Eld. Edwin Berry, Eld. J. W. Sandford and Bro. H. Lowrey, from the Tippah Association; Eld. T. J. Walne, Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board of the Mississippi Baptist State Conventions received, and also Prof. M. T. Martin, representing the State Convention and the Mississippi College at Clinton.

Eld. E. B. McNeil, formerly elected to preach the annual sermon, was excused until 11 o'clock on Friday.

The Committee on Pulpit Exercises reported preaching at night by Eld. J. T. Freeman.

The meeting then adjourned until 8 o'clock Friday morning.

A prayer was offered, led by Eld. R. N. Hall, the previously recognized representative of the Orphans' Home at Lauderdale, Miss.

FRIDAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, September 4, 1874.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Opened with prayer by L. R. Burress. All correspondents and visitors invited to seats. Eld. J. W. Landford was recognized as a representative of the Southern Baptist Publication Society, and also as agent for *The Baptist*. Eld. G. M. Savage was recognized as a Corresponding Messenger from the Unity Association. The Moderator appointed the following:

CORRESPONDENCE.

Chickasaw Association—O. D. Fitzgerald, L. R. Burress, J. H. Berry.

Tippah Association—J. H. Berry, J. S. Berry, J. F. Harris, J. T. Freeman, Joshua Smith, E. B. McNeil.

Judson Association—L. R. Burress, W. M. Henderson, J. D. Bills, J. W. Burress.

Unity Association—O. D. Fitzgerald, J. L. Melton, J. T. Freeman, John Taylor, E. T. Meeks, — English, R. H. Ganet.

Middle Tennessee and North Alabama Association—J. T. Freeman, R. J. Fleming.

Mississippi Baptist State Convention—J. M. Martin, J. L. Bramlett, L. R. Burress, J. T. Freeman, R. J. Fleming, E. B. McNeil, J. D. Bills, J. L. Berry, T. J. Harris, J. H. Berry, H. S. Archer. This body meets at Hazelhurst Thursday before the first Sabbath in July, 1875.

Big Bear Creek Association—T. R. Willet, James Roberson.

Southern Baptist Convention—(Charleston, S. C., in May, including second Sunday, 1875,) J. W. Burress, J. D. Bills, J. T. Freeman, J. H. Berry, J. S. Berry, L. R. Burress, E. B. McNeil, H. S. Archer.

On motion, the Association appointed J. T. Freeman, (L. R. Burress, alternate,) as visitor, to sit with the Board of Trustees of Mis-

sissippi College during the next commencement exercises as requested by said board.

Upon a call for reports the committee presented the following:

REPORT ON THE ORPHAN'S HOME.

"We are glad to learn from Eld. R. N. Hall, Superintendent of the Home, that the institution, after having experienced many reverses and trials, is now fast approaching the point of self-support, when, as far as provisions are concerned, it will then be off the shoulders of the denomination. A steam grist-mill and cotton-gin are being erected, which, when completed, will be made to produce toll sufficient to supply bread and meat. Every effort is being made to develop the resources of the Home so as to place it on a self-supporting basis. *The Banner*, we understand, is increasing its circulation, and from this source a considerable sum is placed in the treasury. No one can deny the good that the Home has already done by supplying the helpless children of our deceased soldiers with homes; and every one can see in this day of poverty and distress, when parents are passing away and leaving their children to the care of an impoverished people, that an institution, sustained by *mites*, as a home for the homeless, is an absolute necessity. We, therefore, recommend the Home to all Christians as a channel through which they may give their 'cup of cold water' in the Master's name to the poor, remembering the Master has said: 'They that do these things shall not lose their reward.' We, therefore, submit the following resolutions:

"First—That we recommend the Orphans' Home of Mississippi, at Lauderdale, to the churches of this Association, as every way worthy of their confidence and support.

"Second—That we recommend that each church appoint an efficient agent, or agents, to work for the interests of the Home within its limits.

"All of which is respectfully submitted. Adopted.

"E. B. McNEILL, }
"J. D. BILLS, } Committee."

Speeches were made by R. N. Hall and Prof. Martin, showing the condition and wants of the Home. A collection of \$14.95 was taken up, beside a number of subscriptions to *The Orphans' Home Banner*.

Adjourned to half-past 2 o'clock to give way for the sermon by Eld. E. B. McNeil.

EVENING SESSION.

Met at the appointed time and proceeded to business. The committee presented their

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Your committee would earnestly recommend a practical obedience to the command of Jesus Christ, to 'Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature,' for the grand and powerful reason that 'he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved,' while 'he that believeth not shall be damned.' And that 'repentance and remission of sin should be preached in his name, beginning at Jerusalem.' By the observance of these as our marching orders, we should go forward until the kingdoms of this earth shall become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ,' bearing evidence by our actions to our faith in the second coming of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

"We recommend that our efforts be in co-operation with the State Foreign Mission Board, located at Holly Springs, E. D. Miller, Secretary, through our Executive Board, which shall be our authorized agent to receive and forward funds for Foreign Mission purposes.

L. R. BURRESS, Chairman."

Report adopted.

There was then read the following:

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

"The reports to this Association are generally favorable. With one or two exceptions the churches all report an increase in numbers. Beyond this association, as far as we have been able to gather facts from papers and other sources, we conclude that there has been a general improvement in the religious tone of the country. Yet, we feel that the standard of religion is far too low, and that too few seek after that growth in grace, and that increase in religious knowledge, which we are authorized to expect with proper perseverance. Christians need the mutual prayers of each other, and a fuller dependence on the arm of the Lord, while the contest between them and the world, the flesh and the devil, is being fought so fiercely.

J. F. HARRIS, Chairman."

Read and adopted.

There was then submitted the following:

REPORT ON SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

"Your Committee on Schools and Colleges respectfully submit the following: We are proud to state that there is a growing interest on the subject of education among our people. Schools and colleges are being built up and patronized to a very liberal extent; and we feel glad it is so. Our arch-enemy has talent and education marshaled in the various ranks of infidelity, and to successfully meet him in combat, we must educate, we must develop the mental powers of the young, preparatory for the work that lies before them. And while we feel proud of the fact that schools and colleges all over our land are flourishing, we feel especially so that our college—that is, Mississippi College—is on rising ground. It

has been of great service to us in the past, and we have reason to expect much from it in the future. You can scarcely assemble an association in the State that there will not be there some living example of the benefits derived in qualifying our young ministers to go forth and do battle in the Master's cause. But, in order that our college may stand second to no other, and be of still greater usefulness, it is necessary that it be endowed. It takes money to run a college, with all the necessary appliances for the proper impartation of knowledge. As Mississippi College is our college, and we have a State as well as denominational pride in it, we should rally to its support, and give liberally of our substance to place it on a permanent and stable footing, so as to make it a permanent blessing to ourselves in particular, and to the people at large in general.

"L. R. BURRESS,
"J. D. BILLS, } Committee."

Brethren M. T. Martin, J. T. Freeman and J. W. Sandford addressed the Association upon the worth and importance of the institution to the Baptists of the State. Prof. Martin received subscriptions to the endowment fund amounting to about \$200. The report was adopted.

The Financial Committee reported the amount collected for Home Missionary purposes, \$48 50, as follows: Mt. Olivet Church, \$15 30; Rienzi Church, \$6; Baldwyn Church, \$10; Corinth Church, \$12; J. H. Berry, \$5. Contributions for printing the minutes of these proceedings, \$54 10; to which is added a surplus in Clerk's hand, from last year, of \$5; total, \$59 10.

REPORT.

On our duty, as Christians, toward the freedmen:

"Your committee beg leave to report the following: We do not presume to lay down any rule of action relative to the colored people, but leave that to purer hearts and wiser heads to determine in the light of surrounding circumstances. We feel that there is a heavy responsibility resting on us as a denomination on account of these people. They are among us. A large majority of them that are religious at all, are Baptists in sentiment, and it is a duty we owe to them, to ourselves and to God, to help them by our prayers and instructions. Many of them show a desire to receive instructions from us. We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

"First—That the pastors and preachers of this Association are urged to embrace every opportunity to impart good, wholesome religious instruction to our colored brethren, and to shun, not to declare unto them the whole councils of God, the simplicity of the Gospel, and the plainness of the plan of salvation.

"Second—That we lend all the encouragement we can to pious, intelligent colored preachers in their labors among their people.

"R. J. FLEMING,

"O. D. FITZGERALD, } Committee."

"J. L. BRAMLITT, }

The report was discussed at length and adopted.

On motion, Saturday morning, at 9 o'clock, was set for hearing the report from the Executive Board. The meeting now adjourned to half-past 8 o'clock Saturday morning.

[NOTE.—The hour for service at night was occupied in the discussion of the Sunday-school question, conducted by Eld. T. J. Walne, of Vicksburg.]

SATURDAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 5, 1874.

The association met as per adjournment. Opening prayer led by Bro. J. H. Berry. The minutes were read and approved. The roll of delegates was called and list corrected. A letter was received and read from Eld. Wm. Matthews, an appointed correspondent to this body by the Big Bear Creek Association. Some matters of business relative to the purchase of a church house at Bay Springs was referred to our Executive Board for disposition. On the reading of the report on literary and publication interests, Eld. J. W. Sandford spoke in relation to the business and condition of the *Southern Baptist Publication Society*, and also solicited subscriptions to *The Baptist*. Remarks were made by Eld. R. N. Hall and Prof. M. T. Martin, after which the report was adopted.

REPORT.

"We heartily recommend *The Baptist*, published at Memphis, Tenn. We regard it as a fearless exponent of God's Truth—sacrificing every thing at the altar of truth, and leaving nothing undone to strip error of its hollow show. Especially do we endorse the Mississippi Department; so ably edited by our worthy Brother Eld. M. P. Lowrey. We also endorse the *Orphans' Home Banner*, which is now being ably edited by Eld. R. N. Hall, as eminently worthy and deserving patronage. *Kind Words*, our Sunday-school paper, well deserves our endorsement, and should be placed in the hands of every child in the land. We also urge upon pastors and brethren to use their influence to circulate the *Home and Foreign Journal*; also we would not forget *Ford's Christian Repository*, which is also worthy of our support."

"*The Southern Baptist Publication Society* is no longer a thing of doubt, but a triumphant success. It is now in active operation, publishing Baptist literature and executing all kinds of job work with neatness and dispatch. We heartily recommend it to all Baptists and friends of the Baptist cause."

"J. W. BURRESS, Chairman."

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

"We, your Executive Board, beg leave to report that in consequence of our officers being absent, we are not able to report the state of our finances. We have not had funds to employ a regular missionary, but have been able to have a great deal of effective work done through the churches and their pastors. The territory is so large that we are unable to cultivate the whole field. It would require one or two missionaries their whole time, and then their work would be poorly done. We submit herewith a report of the amount of missionary work done in the bounds of the Association with its results. All of which is respectfully submitted.

"J. D. BILLS, Chairman *pro tem.*"

A part of the body of the report suggesting a division in the Association by a line running from east to west was stricken out. The report as above printed was accepted. Several resolutions and amendments were proposed for adoption, but as none seemed to meet the wishes of the Association, the matter was referred back to the Executive Board, and a recess taken until 2 o'clock, to allow time for a sermon, by Eld. J. W. Sandford.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association assembled at the appointed time and proceeded to business, after first having engaged in prayer, led by Eld. A. S. Dorris of Tenn. Elder T. C. Teasdale, D. D., being present, was introduced to the Association as a visitor from Tennessee, who in a few words represented the advantages of the college at Knoxville, in which he holds a professorship.

Reports being called for, the committee presented the following on

SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

"We, your committee on Sabbath-schools beg leave to report, that so far as we have been able to gather the facts, we are led to believe that there is a great lack of interest in the churches of the Association on this subject.

"The letters from a few churches report Sunday-schools as having been kept up all, or a part of the year, but it appears that the majority of our churches make little or no effort to sustain this very important means of bringing up the young 'in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.'

"Observation as well as facts of history, sustain the conclusion, that but very few who have been regular attendents at the Sabbath-school, have failed to embrace the Savior in early life; and as this institution has proven to be a powerful means under God, for preparing the mind for the reception of the gospel, and the heart for the admission of the Holy Spirit, we think that our preachers,

more especially our pastors, have, to a great extent, failed to appreciate the power of their influence in this regard. For we believe it to be the duty of the pastors to labor for the establishment of Sabbath-schools in their respective churches, and that on their regular visits to their churches, they should *as often as practicable* meet with the Sunday-school, to encourage by their presence, as well as to council, advise and strengthen the superintendents, teachers and pupils in this work, that they should take a kind of advisory oversight or supervision of the school. We believe that church members should generally, and parents especially, should strengthen the Sunday-school by their presence, and stimulate their own growth in grace by taking a part in the exercises. All this we respectfully submit for the consideration of the Association.

"J. D. BILLS,
"J. M. MARTIN, } Committee
"R. J. FLEMING,

After a speech by Eld. T. J. Walne, upon the importance of Sunday-schools, the report was adopted.

The subject of Home Missions was again called up, and after a thorough discussion of the same the following resolutions were adopted.

"Resolved, That the action of our State Convention meets with the hearty approval of this Association, and that we will assist the Board with our sympathy, our prayers and our contributions.

"Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary and agents of the Board are cordially invited to visit our Association and churches, for the purpose of interesting our people in the great work of Domestic Missions, and to raise funds for supplying the destitute portions of our State with the gospel of salvation.

"Resolved, That we earnestly urge the churches of this Association to make regular and liberal contributions to our Boards.

"Resolved, That the Executive Boards of this Association be, and they are hereby advised to co-operate with the State Board in prosecuting mission work in our bounds."

A committee to nominate an Executive Board in each district of this Association, was appointed, namely: J. W. Burress, W. M. Henderson, H. G. Savage, W. A. Davis, M. Wilson; who after a short deliberation, reported the following names, who were unanimously elected by the Association:

"First District—J. L. Bramlett, J. D. Bills, W. P. McGee, J. O. Nelson, J. H. Berry. Board located at Baldwyn; J. L. Bramlett, President, and J. D. Bills, Secretary.

"Second District—E. F. Harris, President; R. J. Fleming, Secretary; T. F. Holt, James Moody, Clinton Meeks, located at Corinth."

On motion the Covenant was so amended as to read Boards instead of Board; so that one or more might be provided as the necessities might seem to dictate.

The Committee on Pulpit exercises reported Dr. Lansdale to preach in the Presbyterian church on Saturday night, Eld. J. T.

Freeman to preach at same on Sunday at 11 o'clock, and Eld. T. J. Walne to preach at Methodist church at 11 o'clock Sunday, A. M. Dr. Lansdale declining, Eld. W. E. Berry was appointed, and preached at the Presbyterian church at night."

Place of meeting for the next assembling of this body was elected to be, Grand Hill, Tenn., J. T. Freeman to preach the introductory sermon, H. S. Archer alternate.

The hour growing late the Association adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Eld. O. D. Fitzgerald.

NIGHT SESSION.

Met as per adjournment. Prayer by Eld. T. J. Walne. On motion the Executive Board were authorized to fill any vacancy occurring in their respective Boards.

THE REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Was called for, read and the house entertained with several interesting speeches setting forth the demands of the denomination on this subject.

A part of subscription taken at last Association, that had been paid and the balance repledged, was considered as subject to the use of Bro. T. J. Harris, provided he shall expend the same in board at the Mississippi College. An additional subscription was taken up for whatever other young licentiate the Association may decide to send to the same College, J. H. Taylor being then suggested as the man.

L. R. Burress.....	\$ 50 00	W. G. Duke.....	\$ 5 00
J. D. Bills.....	10 00	W. J. Smith.....	5 00
Posey Martin.....	10 00	Mrs. Mollie Duke	5 00
W. C. Gibson.....	10 00	" H. L. Burge.....	5 00
J. W. Burress.....	10 00	" Fannie Conn.....	2 50
G. Walton.....	5 00	Miss M. Gibson.....	5 00

Mrs. E. D. Curlee, (paid) 5 00.

The following was subscribed for the assistance of J. P. Henderson, a licentiate, now in school at Jacinto, Miss.

W. C. Gibson.....	\$ 5 00	L. R. Burress.....	\$ 5 00
G. Walton, (paid).....	5 00	T. J. Walne, (paid).....	5 00
R. J. Fleming.....	5 00	E. F. Harris.....	5 00

Eld. E. B. McNeil, Booneville, Mississippi, is agent for the collection of funds for Ministerial Education.

The following is the adopted

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

" We, your committee, beg leave to make report that it is now no longer a question among our people as to the propriety and importance of educating the ministry. Yet during the past year, there has been comparatively little assistance rendered to our young brethren, who are struggling to get an education. We find about nineteen reported licentiates in our bounds. The majority

of these are young men, who are trying hard—some at home, and some at school—to obtain more education. Some of them need assistance very much, and a few dollars just now to some of these would help them a great deal. Brethren, the Lord has evidently sent the laborers into our midst. Shall we assist them to a better preparation for their great work in the name of Jesus?"

"E. B. McNEIL,
"J. L. BRAMLITT, } Committee."

The following resolutions were then proposed:

"Resolved, That we gratefully acknowledge the kindness of our Methodist and Presbyterian brethren in allowing us the use of their houses of worship, during the meeting.

"Resolved, That we return the thanks of this body to the citizens of Rienzi and vicinity, for their generous hospitality extended to us during our stay with them.

"Resolved, That we duly appreciate the favor of the Mobile & Ohio railroad company in allowing to our delegates and friends excursion tickets.

"Resolved, That the clerk be instructed to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and receive as compensation for his services fifteen dollars."

On motion the Association was now declared adjourned to meet with the church at Grand Hill, Tenn., Thursday before the first Lord's day in September, 1875.

The Moderator made a few feeling remarks. While singing the brethren gave to each other the parting hand. Prayer was led by Eld. Joshua Smith, and the brethren and a large congregation of spectators dispersed, evincing by their tears, "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

J. M. MARTIN, Clerk.

J. T. FREEMAN, Moderator.

NOTE—Gravel Hill is eleven miles northeast of Corinth, Ramey Station, on the M. & O. R. R., six miles west of the place of meeting, where all who go by railroad may expect to be met with conveyances.

STATEMENT OF MISSIONARY LABOR AND RESULTS.

"At last Association meeting, a proposition was made to pastor not fully employed to select and supply missionary station wherever they might deem it expedient. The following is a condensed statement of their several reports as made to the Executive Board of this Association:

"O. D. Fitzgerald, of Rienzi Church, preached at Glendale fifty sermons, traveled three hundred miles, witnessed there six conversions, and baptized two, and organized a church at this place.

"J. T. Freeman, of Corinth Church, traveled in performance of missionary labor, one hundred miles, preached twelve sermons, held ten prayer meetings, and witnessed ten conversions.

"Joshua Smith, of Booneville Church, traveled three hundred and fifty miles, preached twenty-one sermons, attended ten prayer

meetings, witnessed fifteen conversions, assisted in constituting two churches, witnessed ten acceptances and sold \$45.00 worth of bibles and testaments.

"J. H. Byrd, Union Church, traveled three hundred miles, preached twenty-four sermons, witnessed three conversions and four accessions. Places, Concord Church and Crumles' school house.

"Baldwyn Church, through the instruments of Brethren Lowrey and Berry, supplied Kiestler's Mission with eight sermons, resulting in five accessions. Traveled one hundred miles.

"J. G. Kenedy, Mt. Gillard Church, traveled three hundred and ten miles, preached thirty-seven sermons, attended six prayer meetings, witnessed eight conversions.

"W. M. Henderson, of Henkles Creek Church, traveled three hundred miles, preached fifteen sermons, attended five prayer meetings, sold fifty-four bibles and testaments.

"James Roberson, of Mt. Pleasant Church, traveled four hundred miles, preached sixty-six sermons, held twenty-four prayer meetings, witnessed eleven conversions and two accessions.

"A. C. Vandiver, of Mt. Hebrew Church, traveled four hundred miles, preached thirty-eight sermons, held ten prayer meetings, witnessed eight conversions and six accessions.

"All the above labor was done in the destitute parts of the Association."

A SUGGESTION.

As the Association adjourned without suggesting any plan of mission work through her own ministers, and without a definite plan through which money is to be collected for co-operating with the Mission Board of the State, it will be well for all the ordained and licensed ministers in the Association whose time is not otherwise employed, to follow the example of the few whose reports are given above, and either with or without conference with the Executive Boards, to cease not to labor in the destitute places of the Lord's vineyard. With the twenty-four ordained ministers, and the twenty licentiates, all engaged as the Lord shall give opportunity, we may soon see the waste places of our Zion made glad, and be ready to look for other missionary grounds to cultivate.

CLERK.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

J. B. Wheelock.....	Iuka, Miss.
J. G. Kenedy.....	" "
T. Hubbard.....	" "
J. C. Hughes.....	" "
J. R. Willet.....	Burnsville, Miss.
J. Skinner.....	" "
J. T. Freeman.....	Corinth "
E. B. McNeil.....	Booneville, "
Joshua Smith.....	" "
E. T. Smith.....	" "
H. S. Archer.....	" "
James Roberson.....	Rienzi, Miss.
O. D. Fitzgerald.....	" "
J. F. Harris.....	" "
G. H. Savage.....	" "
W. M. Henderson.....	Baldwyn, Miss.
L. R. Burress.....	" "
W. G. Thompson.....	" "
Wm. Archer.....	" "
J. H. Byrd.....	Antioch, "
W. T. Hughes.....	Marietta, "
— Deathringe.....	Kosuth, Miss.
H. C. Spencer.....	" "
A. Butler.....	Chewalla, Tenn.
W. C. Butler.....	" "

LICENTIATES.

Julius S. Berry.....	Baldwyn, Miss.
G. L. Landers.....	" "
A. C. Vandveil.....	" "
J. A. Wallace.....	" "
J. H. Taylor.....	Corinth, "
J. H. Harris.....	Rienzi, "
G. W. Davis.....	" "
P. H. Anderson.....	Burnsville, Miss.
J. E. Dillon.....	" "
C. C. Hardwick.....	" "
W. S. Landers.....	Booneville, Miss.
T. F. Payne.....	" "
W. C. Lowrey.....	" "
D. Kenedy.....	" "
E. T. Roberson.....	" "
D. R. Roberson.....	" "
L. Gray.....	Iuka, Miss.
J. P. Henderson.....	Jacinto, Miss.
E. Brock.....	Antioch, "
T. Moorland.....	Chewalla, Tenn.

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	POSTOFFICE.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.					
Rienzi	L. R. Burress.	Rienzi, Miss.	J. M. Martin, O. D. Fitzgerald, G. H. Savage	4	3	3	3	3
H. G. Savage	"	"	J. F. Harris, W. M. Henderson, H. G. Savage	10	144	2	2	00
Union	G. H. Savage	"	J. C. Erssery, W. T. Marsalee, G. W. Vogles	4	4	4	1	65
Antioch	Joshua Smith	"	J. T. Harris, E. F. Brock	1	3	0	1	65
Piney Grove	G. H. Savage	"	J. L. Q. Melton, W. A. Hough, G. W. Davis	15	1	13	15	3
Mount Olivet	L. R. Burress	"	L. R. Burress, W. P. Mettee, W. A. Davis	7	1	10	139	4
Baldwyn	M. P. Lowrey	"	J. D. Bills, J. W. Burress, J. S. Berry	17	8	1	67	4
Cayce's Creek	E. T. Smith	"	J. N. Hembry, Joseph Muse	2	11	1	54	4
Oak Hill	W. C. Thompson	"	S. P. Shaw	21	21	4	1	25
Mount Hebron	W. M. Henderson	"	A. C. Vandivore, J. F. Morris	10	14	4	1	52
Booneville	E. B. McNeil	"	E. B. McNeil, Joshua Smith, J. W. Laiders	9	14	15	70	2
Orsburn's Creek	H. G. Savage	"	T. W. Jones, J. L. Brumley, A. W. Petty	10	3	1	121	4
Meadow Creek	H. S. Archer	"	E. T. Smith, E. Everett	2	3	1	1	20
Friendship	J. Smith	"	E. T. Smith, E. Everett	1	1	4	35	2
Mount Pleasant	O. D. Fitzgerald	"	W. R. Payne, W. F. Livingston	2	3	10	68	3
Corinth	J. T. Freeman	"	Jas. Robertson, D. Carpenter, E. G. Robertson	15	13	1	1	8
Shady Grove	A. S. Dorris	"	J. T. Freeman, H. J. Fleming, E. F. Haynes, T. A. Knight	11	4	1	40	4
Gravel Hill	O. D. Fitzgerald	"	E. T. Meeks, R. H. Garrett	2	1	2	46	4
Farmington	J. M. Hoover	"	J. H. Taylor, W. M. Smith	1	1	1	1	10
Harmony	J. R. Robertson	"	A. N. Green, T. W. Simmons, W. Jenkins	1	1	3	12	4
Pleasant Hill	J. Skinner	"	A. W. Paden, J. H. Sanders	1	1	5	75	
Burnsville	T. R. Willett	"	Not represented	1	1	30		
Burnsiba	J. Skinner	"	P. H. Anderson	9	11	166	2	100
Liberty Hill	O. D. Fitzgerald	"	H. G. Williams, H. A. Sheldon	4	1	2	27	4
Sardis	J. Skinner	"	J. R. Willett	3	1	3	35	4
New Salem	J. Skinner	"	H. G. Williams, H. A. Sheldon	9	3	1	51	4
Glen Dale	O. D. Fitzgerald	"	Bishop, J. Grimes, T. R. Willett	1	1	3	16	2
Iuka	J. T. Freeman	"	A. J. Collins	1	1	3	70	2
Mount Gillead	J. A. Wheelock	"	J. X. Dillon, A. Doud, M. Wilson	4	2	42	42	3
Kosciusko	H. G. Savage	"	Letter, but no delegates	8	3	1	135	1
Brush Creek	J. F. Harris	"	J. G. Kennedy, W. M. Reeves, J. Bonds, G. B. Bonds	9	3	1	51	4
Shallow	J. F. Harris	"	Not represented	9	1	7	1	75
Pleasant Grove	A. J. Higgins	"	W. L. Burrow	11	5	1	65	1
Little Brown's Creek	E. T. Smith	"	W. T. Stevens, J. Ramsey	11	5	1	81	4
Concord	J. H. Byrd	"	J. J. W. Harris	8	6	1	31	50
Tuscumbia	A. B. Butler	"	Marieetta, Bay Springs, Miss. W. C. Benson, W. Rogers	7	2	1	21	1
Indian Creek	H. G. Savage	"	Dry Run, Miss. Not represented	5	13	1	112	3
Bethel	J. M. Hoover	"	Thos Moorland, J. W. Boyers	11	1	1	1	200
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MINUTES.

GRAVEL HILL, TENN., Sept. 2nd, 1875.

The Tishomingo Baptist Association met in its Fifteenth Annual Session Thursday before 1st Sabbath in September, 1875. After preaching at 11 o'clock by Eld. James Robinson, the Moderator and Clerk being absent, Eld. L. R. Burress was chosen a temporary Moderator, and R. J. Fleming as temporary Clerk.

The moderator appointed brethren W. A. Richardson and C. E. Stanly, as reading Clerks, by whom the letters from the churches were read.

List of delegates found in statistical table.

Petitionary letters were read from Cane Creek and Providence churches, and the Moderator extended the hand of fellowship to thier delegates, and they were received as members of this body.

Elder J. W. Sandford and J. K. P. Henderson were appointed tellers, and the Association proceeded to elect its officers by ballot, which resulted in the election of Elder L. R. Burress Moderator and R. J. Fleming Clerk.

After prayer by Elder H. G. Savage the Association was declared ready for business. Visiting brethren were invited to seats.

On motion the following "order of business" was adopted: First, read the rules of order; second, call for correspondence and invite visiting brethren to seats; third, appoint Committees; fourth, appoint correspondents to other religious bodies; fifth, call for reports; sixth, elect Executive Board; seventh, elect a brother to preach next Introductory Sermon, and appoint a time and place for the next meeting of this body; eighth, resolutions and miscellaneous business. The rules of order were then read.

Upon call for Correspondence Bro. J. J. Horne from Unity Association, Tenn., presented himself, and was invited to a seat, also Elder G. M. Savage from same Association.

Elder J. W. Sandford was welcomed as a Messenger from Tippah Association, and also as agent of the Centennial Committee of the Baptist State Convention of Mississippi.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

Pulpit Exercises—Bros. J. M. Martin, J. D. Bills, C. E. Stanley, with Deacons of Gravel Hill Church.

Finance—W. P. McGee, T. W. Jones and L. M. New.

State of Religion—H. G. Savage, J. K. P. Henderson and G. W. Robinson.

Duty to Freedmen—J. S. Berry, O. D. Fitzgerald and W. A. Richardson.

Sunday Schools—R. J. Fleming, J. D. Bills, and J. M. Martin.

Queries and Difficulties—O. D. Fitzgerald, Joshua Smith and Jas. Barnett.

Schools and Colleges—J. D. Bills, L. M. New and H. G. Savage.

Ministerial Education—W. C. Butler, J. K. P. Henderson and W. C. Simmons.

Literary and Publication Interest—Wm. G. Thompson, W. G. Smith and C. E. Stanley.

Home Missions—C. E. Stanley, Geo. Walton and T. W. Jones.

Foreign Missions—J. F. Harris, J. S. Berry and W. P. McGee.

Centennial—J. S. Berry, C. E. Stanley, O. D. Fitzgerald, and on motion Elder J. W. Sandford was added.

The Committee on Pulpit Exercises reported that Elder J. S. Berry would preach in the church at night, and Elder G. M. Savage in the Grove to-morrow 10 o'clock. Association adjourned to Friday morning 8 o'clock.

Benediction by Elder J. W. Sandford.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 3RD, 1875.

Association met and was open with prayer by Eld. Joshua Smith. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted. Elder C. E. Brame was welcomed as a Messenger from Louisville, (Miss.) Association, and invited to a seat.

The Moderator appointed the following Correspondence: *Chickasaw Association*—Meets Friday before third Sabbath in this month. (Place not given.) Elders Joshua Smith and J. S. Berry.

Unity Association—Meets at Salisbury, Tenn., September 12th, 1875, W. G. Thompson and W. G. Dickson.

Tippah Association—On Friday before 4th Sabbath in Sept. Elders J. F. Harris, O. D. Fitzgerald, L. R. Burress, H. S. Archer, Bros. J. H. Barnett, R. H. Garrett, and W. G. Dickson.

Judson Association—Meets next Thursday, Elders H. S. Archer and Wm. Henderson.

Middle Tenn. and North Alabama Association—Elders H. G. Savage and J. T. Freeman.

Mississippi Baptist State Convention—Thursday before 1st Sunday in July next. (Place to be published.) Elders L. R. Burress, H. G. Savage, O. D. Fitzgerald, J. F. Harris, W. G. Thompson, Jas. Robinson, J. S. Berry, E. B. McNeil, and Bro's. John Wright, J. D. Bills, W. C. Butler, R. J. Fleming, L. M. New, W. P. Holt, J. M. Martin, John Taylor, J. K. P. Henderson, W. G. Dickson, J. L. Bramlett, and W. J. Smith.

Southern Baptist Convention at Richmond, Va.—Thursday before 2nd Sabbath in May, 1876, Elders O. D. Fitzgerald, L. R. Burress, J. S. Berry, J. W. Sandford, H. G. Savage, and H. S. Archer and Bros. W. J. Page, W. J. Smith, J. D. Bills, J. W. Burress, David Horne, and D. W. Leath.

The Committee on Pulpit Exercises reported that Elder H. S. Archer would preach in the Grove at 2 o'clock and Elder Brame in the church to-night at early candle light.

Committee on Sunday-schools submitted their report, urging the importance and necessity of continuous Sabbath-schools, which after a warm and earnest support was adopted

and the churches requested to organize and sustain Sabbath-schools.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Delegates from each church report the Sunday-schools of their respective churches to this body, giving the average attendance, No. of teachers, number converted and sundry other information as may be of interest, and that the whole be put in tabular form in the minutes. (See Tabular Statement.)

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That pastors and churches are requested to make a statement of Missionary work during the past associational year.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

The Committee submitted the report as published in minutes of last year, which was discussed at some length and adopted.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Committee submitted a report strongly favoring and urging the education of our young ministers, and endorsing and recommending Clinton College as the most suitable place, which was discussed at length and adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we now give this audience an opportunity of contributing of their means either in money or in pledges, for the purpose of aiding our brethren who are preparing for the ministry, giving the donor the privilege of selecting the beneficiary in case where they desire to. The following was pledged to be paid by 1st December next.

C. E. Brame.....	\$ 2 00	R. E. Holt.....	3 00
H. C. Robinson.....	1 00	T. N. Elder.....	1 50
J. P. Henderson.....	1 00	Brownsville Church, paid.....	1 00
W. J. Smith.....	1 00	T. M. Meeks.....	5 00
Jno. Wright.....	1 00	A. D. Wheatly.....	1 00
David Horn, paid.....	1 00	J. D. Bills.....	10 00
W. C. Butler.....	2 00	W. C. Simmons, paid.....	1 00
J. T. Cole.....	50	J. W. Carter.....	1 00
Wm. New, paid.....	1 00	H. M. Cobb, for Bro. Henderson, pd.	1 00
T. W. Jones, paid.....	1 00	Total.....	\$36 00

Received on Ministerial Education subscribed last year, W. G. Duke \$5 00, Mrs. Molie Duke \$5 00.

The following Committee was appointed to disburse Ministerial Fund, where the donors made no preference, viz:

Elders L. R. Burress, H. S. Archer and J. W. Sandford. The collections in cash were paid to the above Committee.

OUR DUTY TO THE FREEDMEN.

Your Committee report that the duty of giving the gospel to the freedmen is one which we cannot consistently evade. The Gospel does not prefer men on account of any social standing; it calls alike the high, the low, the bond, the free, the learned and unlearned. Our Mission is to give the gospel to all nations, and we must not exclude or neglect the freedmen whom God in his providence has placed among us. The whole human race is one common brotherhood, and all alike the subjects of a gospel address. In the kingdom of Jesus there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female "for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

Brethren, if God has committed to us a pure gospel, we will be held accountable for the manner in which we dispense it. We respectfully recommend the following,

Resolved, That we make an earnest effort to disseminate a pure gospel among freedmen, by laboring with them ourselves and encouraging them to educate and send forth ministers of their own color, and by our prayers to God for his blessings upon them.

J. S. BERRY,
O. D. FITZGERALD,
W. A. RICHARDSON.

The above report was discussed at length, and adopted with the following resolution,

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the action of our State Convention with reference to the religious instructions of the freedmen among us, and cordially invite its agent to labor within our bounds, and promise him our sympathy and support.

Special hours to-morrow 10 o'clock set for Centennial report, 10 o'clock for Executive Boards and Home Missions.

Adjourned to to-morrow 8 o'clock. Prayer by Elder G. M. Savage.

SATURDAY MORNING 8 O'CLOCK.

Association met and was opened with prayer by Elder H. S. Archer.

Minutes of yesterday read and adopted. The Committee on Literary and Publication interests submitted the following report,

Your committee beg leave to report the following. We highly recommend the patronage and support of "The Baptist," Memphis, Tenn., as the most fearless and faithful exponent of God's truth, of all the religious papers among us, especially do we endorse the Mississippi Department, so ably edited by Bro. Lowrey. We also recommend the "Southern Baptist Publication Society" at

Memphis, Tenn. to thy brethren of the Association, as being worthy of their patronage. Fords Christian Repository published at St. Louis, Mo. and "Kind Words," at Macon, Ga. We suggest that in this day when the *press* has such great power for good or evil, that it is the duty of all Christians to take and read some good religious paper. Respectfully submitted.

W. G. THOMPSON,
W. J. SMITH,
C. E. STANLEY.

The above was adopted and about 18 subscribed for "The Baptist."

STATE OF RELIGION.

Your Committee report as follows:

From what we know and can gather from the church letters, many of our churches are in good condition, others not so prosperous. The Lord has added many new members to some of our churches. To God be all the glory.

H. G. SAVAGE, Chairman.

Report supported by warm testimony of brethren present, and adopted.

Finance Committee reported \$43 00 for minutes which was paid to clerk. (See Statistical Table.)

CENTENNIAL REPORT.

The Special hour 10 o'clock. The Centennial Committee made their report as follows:

WHEREAS, The American nation proposes to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of its independence, and in as much as the nation is indebted to the Baptist Denomination for the religious liberty we enjoy, and that the last hundred years is the first period of time, that we as a denomination have been free from persecution at the hands of other denominations. It has been decided by the denomination to celebrate the year 1876, with grand denominational thanks-giving to our God for the liberty of conscience we enjoy. This we propose to do not with a display of pomp and splendor, but by the endowment of our colleges and institutions of learning, all over the nation to stand as a great memorial shaft, to speak to rising generations of the sufferings of our forefathers, the thank-offering of ourselves, and to be for the education of the masses of the people. The following plan has been laid down by the State Convention, viz: To endow Mississippi College with \$200,000. That every Baptist and friend to Baptists give of their means to this work, that every one give not less than one dollar for himself and every member of his family.

That the Convention will furnish through its agent, a certificate to each one contributing one dollar or more. This certificate to be engraved with picture of the College Chapel, with its faculty and students, the President of the College, or of the State Convention, (which is yet to be decided). Therefore be it

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the action of the State Convention. 2nd That District Centennial meetings be held of two days each at the following churches, viz:

Baldwyn, 4th Sabbath and Saturday before in October.
Iuka, 1st " " " " " November.
Corinth, 2nd " " " " " "
Bienville 3rd " " " " " "
Rienzi, 4th " " " " " December.
Osborne Creek, 1st " " " " " "
Mt. Olive, 3rd " " " " " "

Hinkle Creek, 2nd Sabbath and Saturday before in December.

That all ministers and members, who can possibly do so attend these meetings. That Centennial Sermons be preached, that a sermon on our own pioneer preachers be preached, showing their struggles and triumphs Educational speeches and above all, a deep earnest thankfulness of heart, be offered to God for his mercies and a supplication for the continuance of his goodness. That these District Meetings appoint Centennial meetings in every church in the Association. That the following lay members be appointed to push the work forward, in their own churches, viz:

Rienzi—Geo. Walton, R. H. Hoshall.
Hinkle Creek—W. A. Parish, Thomas Holt.
Antioch—Wm. Harris, Thomas Norman.
Pinky Grove—J. Q. Melton, —Huff.
Mt. Olive—W. P. McGee, Solomon Risner, Jas. English, and J. Davis.
Baldwyn—J. D. Bills, J. W. Burress.
Casey Creek—J. N. Hunber, J. H. Hazlewood.
Oak Hill—E. Grisham, F. Blassengill.
Mt. Hebron—Frank Morris, B. Wallace.
Boonville—T. J. Perkins, Prof. Povall.
Osborne Creek—T. W. Jones, A. W. Petty.
Meadow Creek—Geo. Pritchard, E. Everett.
Friendship—W. R. Paine, W. F. Livingstone.
Mt. Pleasant—D. Carpenter, —Duncans.
Corinth—R. J. Fleming, J. C. Skillman,
Gravel Hill—R. H. Garrett, David Horne.
Farmington—John D. Smith, Wm. New.
Pleasant Hill—Clerk and Deacons.
Shady Grove—Clerk and Deacons.
Burnsville—James Moody.
Hepsiba—Clerk and Deacons.
Liberty Hill—Clerk and Deacons.
Sardis—Clerk and Deacons.
New Salem—Clerk and Deacons.
Glendale—M. Wilson, W. H. Chandler.
Iuka—Clerk and Deacons.
Mt. Gillead—J. G. Kennedy, J. Bonds.
Kossuth—W. C. Simmons, W. A. Richardson.

Brush Creek—W. D. Burrow, Joseph Smith.
 Shiloh—T. M. Meeks, W. J. Coke.
 Pleasant Grove—Hiram Richardson.
 Little Brown Creek—Denson, Halloway.
 Concord—Clerk and Deacons.
 Tuscumbia—W. G. Dickson, J. E. Butler.
 Indian Creek—B. C. Gaines, Benton Derryberry.
 Bethel—Clerk and Deacons.
 Cane Creek—A. L. Boone, R. Tyson.
 Providence—J. J. Henderson, Jessie Russell.

That every minister is hereby made a member of the Associational Centennial Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BERRY,
 C. E. STANLEY,
 O. D. FITZGERALD,
 J. W. SANDFORD,
 Committee.

The report was supported and advocated by numerous delegates, and adopted.

Association adjourned to hear Elder Sandford preach a Centennial Sermon which was forcibly delivered to a large and attentive congregation.

10 o'clock P. M., being special hour the reports of Home Missions and Executive Boards were called for.

HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee report that we learn from the Executive Board that but little has been done during the last year in the work of Home Missions. Owing to the almost unprecedented stringency in financial affairs the Boards have not been able to pay Missionaries and send them into the field. The destitution is great and our pastors appreciating this have done a great deal of work outside of their churches, a report of which has been submitted. We recommend that the churches make special effort to send up to the different boards funds, however small the amounts, that they may be able to send missionaries into the field.

C. E. STANLEY,
 GEO. WALTON,
 T. W. JONES.

In addition to the above report the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the pastors be requested to lay this matter before their churches at their next conference and ask them to send up to the Executive Board of their Districts, money or pledges due 1st December, to enable the Boards to send Missionaries into the field.

EXECUTIVE BOARDS.

FIRST DISTRICT—The following Executive Board was elected: J. D. Bills, J. W. Burress, W. F. Lewis, J. S. Berry, and Jas. Junkin, located at Baldwyn.

SECOND DISTRICT—J. C. Skillman, R. J. Fleming, J. M. Martin, J. M. Stigley, and C. E. Stanley, located at Corinth.

Place for the next assembling of this Body was elected to be Booneville, Mississippi on Thursday before first Sabbath in September, 1876. Elder J. S. Berry to preach the Introductory Sermon at 11 o'clock, H. S. Archer alternate.

Booneville is 20 miles South of Corinth on the Mobile & Ohio Rail Road.

REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE BOARDS.

Executive Board for 1st District report that through the instrumentality of our dear departed brother Joel H. Berry who was chairman of our Board, we obtained from the American Bible Society a donation of Bibles and Testaments amounting to \$75 00 upon two conditions, viz: 1st That the Board buy \$25 00 worth, and 2nd That the Board refund to the Society whatever funds were realized from sales of the \$75 00 worth. The Society did not propose to give Bibles to any except those who were too poor to buy. We had \$2 in the Treasury and raised \$23 which was contributed for a permanent book fund. Thus \$100 worth of books were obtained. Having no money to send out a Missionary we procured the service of Elder Joshua Smith as agent for the Board to visit the churches to procure funds to enable us to send him to the field, but owing to the stringency of financial affairs only the amount of \$2 35 was obtained and we could not proceed farther.

We have sold through Bro. Smith and the Secretary of our Board \$24 80 worth of Bibles and Testaments, donated \$3 80 worth.

The last few weeks we have had the services of Bro. J. T. Harris and Jas. Robinson, whose report will be made directly to this body with the report of churches and pastors. We have contracted no debts.

J. O. NELSON, Chas'n.,
JOHN D. BILLS, Sect'y and Treas.,
W. P. McGEE,
J. L. BRAMLET.

Executive Board 1st District.

The Executive Board of 2nd District reported that they had done nothing. That it was impossible for them to raise money to send a Missionary to the field.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee submitted their reports showing our Christian duty and obligation to send the gospel of our blessed Lord to heathen lands, and offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we earnestly request pastors in our bounds to preach some-

time before the 1st of January next a sermon on Foreign Missions and take up a collection for the same, and forward to Elder E. D. Miller, State Agent, at Holly Springs, Miss., which was adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Body be and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Gravel Hill and vicinity, for their generous hospitality during the sitting of this Body.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Body be tendered to the Mobile & Ohio Rail Road and the Memphis and Charleston Rail Road for favors tendered.

MISSIONARY WORK.

Elder James Robinson, 27 days, 35 sermons, 175 miles, baptized 2, assisted in ordaining 1 minister and 1 deacon.

Elder Joshua Smith, 37 sermons 10 exhortations, 275 miles, sold books \$10 40, gifts \$1 50, filled 2 stations, attended 7 protracted meetings.

Elder J. T. Harris, 17 sermons 225 miles, attended protracted meetings, sold and donated several Baptist books.

UNION MEETINGS.

First district meeting with Meadow Creek Church on Thursday before 5th Sunday in July 1876.

Elder J. S. Berry to preach Introductory Sermon, J. K. P. Henderson Alternate. Following we're appointed to write upon the subjects annexed:

Elder H. S. Archer—Ought Baptists to observe the Centennial?

" E. B. McNeil—Should we baptize "in" or "into" the name of the Trinity?

Elder E. T. Smith—Was Peter ever in Rome?

" Joshua Smith—What is a gospel minister?

" J. S. Berry—What is the rock referred to in Mathew 16 and 18, "Peter or Christ?"

Elder L. R. Burress—John's baptism.

A. C. Vandiver—What is a gospel church?

J. A. Wallace—What are the qualifications of church members?

W. L. Landress—Brotherly kindness.

J. M. Martin—The religion of the Bible.

Elder O. D. Fitzgerald—The work of the Father, Son and Spirit respectively in the work of human redemption.

J. L. Bamlett—The deaconship.

W. P. McGee—Why should 1st day of week be observed as Sabbath?

J. A. Jones—What is prayer?

J. W. Burress—Who was Melchisedeck?

J. D. Bills—Should a church have a written creed?

J. W. Smith—Should Christians go to war?

J. O. Nelson—Christian influence.

JOSHUA SMITH, MODERATOR.

W. P. McGEE, Clerk.

Second District Union Meeting meets with church at Brush Creek on Friday before 1st Sabbath, in August, 1876. Elder J. F. Harris, to preach Introductory Sermon.

The following brethren were appointed to write on subjects annexed:

Elder J. T. Freeman—Origin and perpetuity of the church.

" J. H. Taylor—Prayer.

" J. F. Harris—Repentance.

" W. M. Henderson—Temperance.

" J. Skinner—Faith.

" H. G. Savage—John's baptism.

" J. A. Wheelock—Support of the ministry.

R. J. Fleming—Sabbath-schools.

W. M. Henderson.

E. F. HAYNIE, Clerk.

J. T. FREEMAN, MODERATOR.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. A. Wheelock, Iuka Miss.

J. G. Kennedy, " "

T. Hubbard, " "

J. C. Hughes, " "

J. R. Willet, Burnsville, Miss.

J. Skinner, " "

J. T. Freeman, Corinth "

B. M. Gurly, " "

E. B. McNeil, Boozerville, Miss.

Joshua Smith, " "

E. T. Smith, " "

H. S. Archer, " "

James Rober son, " "

O. D. Fitzgerald, Rienzi, Miss.

J. F. Harris, " "

G. H. Savage, " "

W. M. Henderson, " "

L. R. Burrass, Baldwyn "

Wm. Archer, " "

J. S Berry, " "

W. G. Thompson, Kosuth, Miss.

Wm. Deatherage, " "

H. C. Spencer, " "

J. H. Byrd, Antioch, "

W. T. Hughes, Mariet'a, "

A. Butler, Chewal's, Tenn.

W. C. Butler, " "

LICENTIATES.

G. L. Landers, Baldwyn, Miss.

A. C. Vanicek, " "

J. A. Wallace, " "

J. H. Taylor, Corinth, "

J. H. Harris, Rienzi, "

G. W. Davis, " "

P. H. Anderson, Burnsville, "

J. E. Dillon, " "

C. C Hardwick, " "

W. S. Landers, Booneville, "

T. F. Payne, " "

W. C Lowrey, " "

D Kenney, " "

E. T. Robertson, " "

D. R. Robertson, " "

L. Gray, Iuka, "

J K P. Henderson, Jacinto, "

E. Brock, Antioch, "

Thos. Moreland, Corinth, "

On motion the Association was declared adjourned to meet with the church at Booneville on Thursday before 1st Sabbath in September, 1876.

Prayer was led by our venerable and loved brother Elder Joshua Smith. A parting hymn was sung and the brethren gave to each other the parting hand showing clearly by the tears that all felt that it was good that we came up to the house of our Lord.

Benediction by the Moderator.

L. R. BURRESS, MODERATOR.

R. J. FLEMING, Clerk.

RULES OF ORDER.

ARTICLE I. The Association shall be opened with prayer.

ART. II. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order; but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal provided that appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

ART. III. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote unless his vote be necessary to decide a question. If he rises to speak, he shall call some brother to take the chair.

ART. IV. All questions brought before the Association, shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded shall be opened for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made, it shall be decided by the members rising.

ART. V. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the same time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflections.

ART. VI. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject, until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

ART. VII. Every subject introduced for discussion, shall be decided before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over for motion, with the consent of the mover of the resolution.

ART. VIII. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches; then a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

ART. IX. The names of members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

ART. X. The appellation of Brother shall be used by members in addressing each other.

ART. XI. Any member violating these Rules, shall be subject to be reproved by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

ART. XII. Amendments or alterations may be made to these Rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

COVENANT.

Adopted in 1860 at the formation of the Association and afterward ratified by the Churches:

ARTICLE I. We, as independent churches of Jesus Christ, do mutually covenant to unite our efforts and influences for the advancement of the cause of Christ, under the title of the TISHOMINGO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. We agree to hold annual meetings, to be comp'd of delegates chosen by the respective churches, bearing letters to be read at the opening of the meeting, showing their appointment; and also showing the number received by baptism, by letter, by restoration and dismission by letter, excluded and dead during the year, together with the whole number in fellowship.

ART. III. We agree that every church belonging to this body, shall be entitled to three delegates, until they number one hundred members, then one for every hundred above that number.

ART. IV. When any church shall fail to communicate with this body for 3 successive meetings it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and will be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members shall request its continuance, and will also engage to enquire into its standing, and report at the next annual meeting.

ART. V. Other churches may be admitted into this union by signifying their wish by letter and delegates, provided they be deemed spiritual.

ART. VI. We will elect a Moderator and Clerk by ballot, at each annual meeting, so soon as the letters from the churches are read and members names enrolled—letters from petitioning churches being received that their delegates may also have the privilege of voting.

ART. VII. We disclaim any right to adopt rules that at any time infringe upon the independence and rights of churches. We may however, advise churches when they request it, and will withdraw from such as becomes heretical in doctrine or disorderly in discipline.

ART. VIII We will have an Executive Board, composed of five members elected annually, and the Moderator and Clerk, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all the funds sent up by the churches, and dispose of the same as the churches may direct; and to take the oversight of all missions and colportage in the bounds of the Association not otherwise provided for.

ART. IX. We will correspond with sister Associations.

ART. X. We will have our Minutes read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Session rises; and will not adjourn except in extraordinary cases, until all the business is finished.

ART. XI. We will, while convened, appoint the time and place of holding the next annual meeting, and elect a Brother to preach the next introductory sermon; and may make such alterations and amendments to this Covenant as two thirds of the members present may deem necessary.

STATES

CHURCHES	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.
Rienzi	G. M. Savage	Rienzi, Miss.
Mt. Olive	L. R. Burress	Baldwyn, Miss.
Casey Creek	E. T. Smith	Marietta, Miss.
Iuka	*	
Corinth	H. G. Savage	Corinth
Osborn Creek	H. S. Archer	Booneville
Meadow Creek	W. G. Thompson	Booneville
Kossuth	E. B. McNeill	Kossuth
Booneville	M. P. Lowery	Booneville
Baldwyn	G. H. Savage	Baldwyn
Union	W. G. Thompson	Rienzi
Shiloh	T. R. Willit	Kossuth
Cardis	*	Burnsville
New Salem	*	
Pleasant Grove	*	
Bethel	John Hoover	Pyburns Bluff, Tenn.
Liberty Hill	Jas. Robinson	Booneville
Indian Creek	*	
Burnsville	J. Smith	Burnsville
Friendship	*	Booneville
Oak Hill	*	
Mt. Gilead	*	
Tusculumbia	*	
Hepeiba	*	Chewalla, Tenn.
Gravel Hill	*	Corinth, Miss.
Henkle Creek	H. G. Savage	Rienzi, Miss.
Mt. Pleasant	P. Scully	
Shady Grove	*	
Harmony	J. Hoover	Monterey
Antioch	J. F. Harris	Rienzi
Farmington	W. M. Henderson	Corinth
Pleasant Hill	*	
Shady Grove	*	
Mt. Hbron	*	
Lit. Brown's Creek	*	
Brush Creek	J. F. Harris	Kossuth, Miss.
Concord	*	
Rocky Mt.	*	
Cane Creek	H. G. Savage	Corinth
Providence	W. M. Henderson	Booneville
Piney Grove	G. H. Savage	Rienzi
Glendale	O. D. Fitzgerald	Corinth

*Not represented.

ATISTICAL TABLE.

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NAMES OF DELEGATES.

							Paid for Minutes ...					
							Day of Meeting....					
							Total Membership...					
							Died					
							Dismissed by letter					
							Excluded					
							Restored					
							Received by letter					
							Baptized					
	O. D. Fitzgerald, J. M. Martin, J. H. Barnett, R. E. Holt, Geo. Walton	2	4	1	1	3	1	62	4	6	3	80
	L. R. Burress, W. J. Smith, W. P. McGee	23	10	..	..	9	1	173	3	3	25	
	J. W. Muse, T. W. Johnson, H. H. Gamiel	8	4	..	..	8	3	53	4	1	00	
	R. J. Fleming, J. C. Skillman, C. E. Stanley, L. M. New	4	7	..	..	..	1	74			00	
	H. S. Archer, T. W. Jones, Thos. Elder	17	..	..	1	..	..	117	4	3	00	
	J. H. Robinson, John Wright, D. T. Smith	8	8	1	2	2	2	58	1	1	25	
	W. C. Simmons, W. A. Richardson, J. W. Underwood, F. Hall	..	..	1	3	2	11	..			00	
	W. Landress, A. L. Manning, E. B. McNeil	3	9	..	..	18	..	62		2	25	
	J. D. Bills, J. E. Berry	1	5	..	2	4	1	68	4	3	00	
	W. H. Essary, W. H. Calvary, Jack Voyles	4	9	2	1	..	2	72	4	1	50	
	W. G. Thompson, J. R. Turner, E. F. Romine, T. M. Meeks	5	8	..	3	1	..	108	4	1	50	
	R. T. Barnett, Joseph Bishop, Johnathan Grimes	1	..	..	1	8	..	46	4		80	
	P. H. Honeycutt	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tenn	T. C. Roberts	4	..	..	..	..	5	51				
	C. C. Hardwick, H. Z. Stigall, Jas. Burcham	1	2	1	1	1	2	37			85	
	J. E. Crossland, P. H. Anderson, H. M. Cobb	..	..	..	..	4	3	83			1 00	
	J. S. Livingstone, T. F. M. Payne, F. A. Bonds	1	..	1	3	..	1	26	2			
	W. G. Dickson, W. J. Smith, J. C. Butler, C. A. DeLoach	12	5	3	3	1	..	54	2	1	00	
	R. H. Garrett, John Carter, David Horn, T. T. Robinson	11	..	..	4	1	..	47	3	2	50	
	H. G. Savage, W. M. Bynum, J. F. Harris	14	1	..	4	7	1	154	2	2	55	
	John Burcham, Jacob Johnson	..	..	..	..	1	4	60	2		20	
	J. H. Simmons, J. N. Greetor, Wm. Jenkins, T. W. Simmons	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	3	1	00	
	W. H. Scully, J. T. Harris	..	2	1	..	..	..	7	1	1	80	
	Wm. New, John Taylor, John Perkins	..	..	..	..	5	..	38	3	1	00	
	John Berryman, R. T. Duncan, B. H. Rogers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	9	4	2	2	..	..	77	4	1	75	
	B. M. Gurley, Thos. Moreland, J. J. Turner, W. H. Bray	12	17	..	..	..	1	43			1 40	
	N. P. Petty, Jesse Russell, B. Burns	..	1	..	..	..	..	14			1 00	
	W. A. Huff, James Robinson, Jas. McQuilliams	..	1	3	1	1			1 10	
	W. H. Chandler, A. Dowd, M. Wilson	..	1	1	..	18	2	1	00	

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MINUTES.

BOONEVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, Aug. 31st 1876.

THE TISHOMINGO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its Sixteenth Annual Session Thursday before the first Sabbath in Sept. 1876.

Moderator and Clerk present. Moderator read 91st Psalm; prayer was led by Elder E. B. McNeil. Preaching Introductory Sermon was postponed until to-night.

Moderator appointed Brethren J. W. Smith and J. T. Harris reading clerks, who read the letters from the several churches.

List of delegates, see statistical table.

Moderator appointed J. W. Smith and J. T. Harris tellers, and the Association proceeded to permanent organization by electing Elder H. G. Savage, Moderator; and R. J. Fleming, Clerk, when the Association was declared ready for business.

On motion the previous order of business was adopted.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

First, read the rules of order; second, call for correspondence and invite visiting brethren to seats; third, appoint Committees; fourth, appoint correspondents to other religious bodies; fifth, call for reports; sixth, elect Executive Board; seventh, elect a brother to preach next Introductory Sermon, and appoint a time and place for the next meeting of this body; eighth, resolutions and miscellaneous business.

Upon call for Correspondence, Elder Wm. Mathews was welcomed as a messenger from Big Bear Creek Association. Elders L. R. Burress as messenger of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention.

On motion all that part of the letter from Pleasant Grove church which appear after the signatures of the Moderator and Clerk, was stricken from the letter.

COMMITTEES.

Devotional Exercises—Thos. Burress, W. J. Smith, J. W. Sanders, and Pastor and Deacons at Booneville.

Finance—W. P. McGee, T. W. Jones, and S. P. Shaw.

State of Religion—Elders J. F. Harris, Jas. Robinson and E. B. McNeil.

Sunday Schools—J. A. Hendon, J. D. Bills and J. L. Bramlett.

Queries and Difficulties—Joshua Smith, J. H. Burnett and E. B. McNeil.

Schools and Colleges—J. H. Taylor, J. V. Alexander and J. Hendon.

Literary and Publication Interests—E. T. Smith, J. I. Harris, Thos. Jones.

Home Missions—J. M. Bramlett, E. H. Tira, and David Horne.

Foreign Missions—W. J. Smith, Wm. Archer, and Joshua Smith.

State Missions—Elder E. B. McNeil, J. W. Smith, and J. W. Burress.

The following Correspondence were appointed. To

Unity Association—Meets at Pinson, Tenn., on M. & O. R. R., 46 miles north of Corinth, Miss., on 2nd Saturday in Sept. 1876. H. G. Savage, David Horne and E. Z. Simmons.

Chickasaw Association—Meets at El-Bethel, 3rd Friday in Sept. 1876, Elders L. R. Burress, Joshua Smith and E. Z. Simmons.

Tippah Association—Meets on Friday before 4th Sabbath in Sept. at Middleton, Tenn. Elders W. G. Thompson, J. T. Harris, E. Z. Simmons and W. G. Dixon.

Judson Association—Meets at Zion church on 2d Friday in Sept. 1876. Elders Joshua Smith, and H. S. Archer.

Middle Tennessee and North Alabama Association—Elders H. G. Savage and J. T. Freeman.

State Convention—Elders L. R. Burress, J. T. Harris, J. S. Berry, J. H. Taylor, O. D. Fitzgerald, J. L. Bramlett and J. W. Smith. Meets at Starksville, Thursday before 1st Sabbath in July 1877.

Big Bear Creek Association—Meets at Burlison, Ala., Thursday before 2d Sabbath in Oct. 1877. Elders Jas. Robinson, J. C. Hughes, J. Skinner, C. E. Brame, J. G. Chasteen, and C. C. Hardwick.

Southern Baptist Convention—Elders J. S. Berry, H. G. Savage, R.L. Burress, O. D. Fitzgerald, J. W. Sanders, H. S. Archer, J. D. Bills.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported:

That Elder Wm. Mathews would preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Elder Geo. M. Savage was welcomed as a messenger from Unity Association.

Adjourned to 8½ o'clock to-morrow.

Benediction by the Moderator.

FRIDAY MORNING SEPT. 1ST 1876.

Association met. Moderator read 42d Psalm. Prayer by Elder J. Skinner. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

Bro. S. C. Rogers was welcomed as representative of the Southern Baptist Publication Society, at Memphis, Tenn.

Elder J. T. Walne was welcomed as Corresponding Secretary State Mission Board.

Brethren J. W. Smith and J. A. Hendon were appointed to write Letters for messengers to ~~or~~ corresponding delegates to other bodies.

REPORTS.

STATE OF RELIGION.

Elder J. F. Harris read a report on the State of Religion, charging a gross laxity on the part of many, and a disposition to depart from the "faith once delivered to the Saints," which, after discussion, was re-committed to be amended. Bro. Harris amended the report, and the same was adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee submitted an excellent report, strongly urging our pastors and churches to take more interest in our Sabbath schools, and urging that they should have a living school in each church. The report was warmly advocated by Elders Walne, Burress, Calahan, and others, and was unanimously adopted.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock.

2 o'CLOCK, FRIDAY P. M.

Association met and was opened with prayer by Elder R. N. Hall.

Elder R. N. Hall was received as Corresponding Secretary of Board of Ministerial Education, of Mississippi.

Elder T. P. Montgomery was received as messenger from Judson Association.

LITERARY AND PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee feeling the importance of the subject, and the influence that literature is having on our people, would suggest the great necessity of caution in reference to the character of the publications that we introduce, and in the absence of a State organ would recommend THE BAPTIST as published by Dr. Graves, at Memphis, Tenn., as a bold and fearless advocate of the truth, and urge our members to take it. Also THE CHRISTIAN REPOSITORY published by Dr. Ford, at St. Louis, Mo.; and KIND WORDS, our precious little Sabbath school paper, published at Macon, Ga., by Dr. Boykin, and also the books of the Southern Baptist Publication Society, at Memphis, Tennessee, which has stereotyped and brought out several valuable books the present year.

E. T. SMITH, Cha'n.

The above report was adopted.

Elder W. E. Berry was welcomed as messenger from Tipah Association.

Adjourned to to-morrow 8½ o'clock. Benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING SEPT. 2D 1876.

Association met and was opened with prayer by Elder J. T. Freeman.

Elder J. T. Freeman was welcomed as messenger from Judson Association.

BRO. J. O. NELSON.

A dispatch was received and read by Elder J. S. Berry, announcing the death of Bro. J. O. Nelson and his daughter, Miss Maggie, within a few hours of each other, both of whom were loved and exemplary members of Mt. Olive church, and Bro. Nelson long a faithful, working member of this Association. The whole body was sorrow stricken at the sudden announcement, and in view of the deep sympathy for the broken hearted surviving daughter and sister, the Association, on motion of Bro. J. S. Berry engaged in prayer, led by the Moderator. Sadness and sorrow was clearly depicted on every countenance.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON.

Elder H. S. Archer was elected to preach the next Introductory Sermon; Elder L. R. Burress, Alternate, at Iuka on Thursday before 1st Sabbath in Sept. 1877.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee submitted report showing great destitution in the bounds of this Association, and recommended that one or more Missionaries be employed and kept constantly in the field for the next year.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARDS.

We, your Executive Board of 1st District, report that we engaged the services of Elders Jas. Roberson, W. L. Landress and D. W. Leath, upon such terms as would not involve the Board in debt. These brethren have done a great deal of faithful work, with good results in some places. Through them we have sold and contributed Bibles and Testaments; amount of which we have not at hand now.

We have made an effort to raise funds to support our missionaries, but have been able only to raise \$67.60. Your Board cannot be efficient without a better co-operation on the part of the churches.

Missionaries' Report.—Conversions, 29; baptisms, 3; miles traveled, 809; sermons, 115; prayer-meetings organized, 3; Sunday Schools organized, 2; Sunday School addresses, 3. J. W. BURRESS, Ch'm.

The above report was submitted in connection with the Home Mission Report, and, on motion, it was resolved that this body return to the old "time honored custom" of delegates pledging their churches for Home Missions; and the roll being called, the following pledges were made, to be paid to the Executive Board by 1st January, 1877:

Rienzi Church.....	\$10 00	Iuka Church.....	10 00
Mt. Olive ".....	25 00	Burnsville Church.....	3 00
Corinth ".....	10 00	Oak Hill ".....	5 00
Osborne Creek Church.....	10 00	Hepziba ".....	5 00
Meadow Church.....	10 00	Gravel Hill ".....	10 00
Kossuth ".....	15 00	Hinkle Creek ".....	24 00
Booneville ".....	10 00	Mt. Pleasant.....	5 00
Baldwyn ".....	25 00	Antioch.....	5 00
Union ".....	5 00	Farmington.....	5 00
Shiloh ".....	10 00	Mt. Hebron.....	5 00
Pleasant Grove Church.....	5 00	Little Brown Creek.....	5 00
Liberty Hill ".....	10 00	Bush Creek.....	5 00
Glenndale Church.....	5 00	Cane Creek.....	5 00
Corinth Sabbath School.....	5 00	Piney Grove.....	5 00
Baldwyn " ".....	5 00	Eld. Brane (labor).....	20 00
E. T. Meeks.....	5 00	Eld. J. H. Byrd (labor).....	10 00
S. C. Rogers.....	5 00	Eld. W. S. Landress (labor).....	10 00
W. L. Gibson.....	5 00	Miss Mollie Potts (paid).....	1 00
J. T. Freeman.....	5 00	Miss Gallaha (paid).....	25
Wm. Hughes.....	2 50	Mrs. M. A. Smith (paid).....	1 00
Casey Creek Church.....	5 00		
Total			\$226 75

Report adopted.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

J. L. Bramlett, E. B. McNeil and J. W. Smith were pointed to nominate an Executive Board and location for same. They recommended J. D. Bills, W. I. Gibson, J. Hendon, E. T. Smith and J. S. Berry; the Board to be located at Booneville.

The recommendation was unanimously adopted by Association.

FINANCE.

The Committee reported \$43.20 received for minutes, which was placed in hands of Clerk, with instructions to print 5 copies of minutes and to retain the balance for services.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock.

SATURDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Association was opened with prayer by Elder W. E. Ber-

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Committee submitted their report, urging the necessity of an educated ministry; and calling upon the churches assist all our young ministers who are struggling to educate themselves but are unable to complete their educations; and recommended highly the following schools as being worthy of our patronage, viz: Mississippi College, at Clinton, Mississippi, under the efficient management of President Webb; Blue Mountain Female College, under the control of Elder M. Lowry, at Blue Mountain, Miss.; and the Masonic Male and Female Institute, under the control of Elder G. M. Savage, at Henderson, Tenn.

The report was earnestly advocated by Elders R. N. Hall, E. C. Brame, G. M. Savage and J. T. Freeman; and the following pledges were made payable 1st January, 1877:

J. D. Bills.....	\$ 5 00	— Parker.....	\$ 5
C. E. Brame.....	5 00	J. A. Hendon	2
E. Z. Simmonds.....	5 00	T. W. Jones.....	5
J. T. Harris.....	5 00	Rienzi Church.....	5
Fannie R. Simmons.....	1 00	Ariitioch "	5
J. L. Bramlett (paid).....	5 00	Mt. Olive "	10
Mrs. Bramlett (paid).....	5 00	Baldwyn "	10
H. S. Archer (paid).....	2 50	Osborne Creek Church.....	5
C. E. Brame (paid).....	2 00	Kossuth Church.....	5
Mrs. J. H. Berry (paid).....	1 00	J. J. Henderson.....	1
Mrs. S. K. Fields (paid).....	1 00		
Total			\$91

Total cash, \$16 50, paid to Executive Board and by them to Elder R. N. Hall.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

The Committee submitted their report which was adopted as submitted.

STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee submit the following:

The State Mission Board has a great and important work committed to it. Their field of operation includes not only all of the State of Mississippi, but all that portion of Louisiana east of the Mississippi River.

Within this extensive territory there are many sections of country entirely destitute of the gospel of Christ. The work of the State Board is to supply this destitution so far as they are able. The Board has been in operation but two years, but in that time it has done a great work. During these two years the following amount of labor has been accomplished: No. days service, 2,895; miles traveled 31,499; sermons preached, 1,668; prayer meetings held, 408; persons baptized, 324; received by letter, 270; total accessions, 594; churches organized, 7.

Respectfully,

E. B. McNEIL, Ch'm.

Adjourned to 7½ o'clock to-night to hear Foreign Mission Report.

7½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

Association met. Was opened with prayer by Elder Berry.

Being special hour, the Foreign Mission Report was read, which urged the necessity of all our churches contributing money to send missionaries into the foreign field. The report was advocated at length by Elder E. Z. Simmons, and a collection taken up, amounting to \$11 cash, which was paid to Executive Board.

The following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the members and friends of Booneville Church, and vicinity, for the cordial and hospitable entertainment of the delegates to this body; and to the Presbyterian and Methodist churches for tendering to us the use of their houses of worship; also to the Mobile & Ohio R. R. Co for reduced rates of fare to delegates.

Union meeting, 1st District, meets with Mt. Hebron Church on Thursday before 2nd Sunday in August, 1876. Elder H. S. Archer to preach Introductory Sermon, Elder J. S. Berry, alternate.

The following brethren were appointed to write on the subjects annexed:

Elder H. S. Archer—Was John's Baptism Christian?

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Elder L. R. Burress—What is a Gospel Church and Qualifications?

J. W. Burress—The Deaconship.

J. L. Bramlett—What is Prayer?

J. D. Bills—Why should 1st day of the week be observed as the Sabbath?

J. P. Povall—Influence of Sabbath Schools.

W. J. Smith—Should a Church have a Written Creed?

Thomas Sykes—Duty of Reading the Bible.

Elder J. S. Berry—Support of the Ministry.

W. P. McGee—Temperance.

Elder E. T. Smith—Who was Melchisedec?

Elder E. B. McNeil—What is a Gospel Minister?

Elder J. K. P. Henderson—Importance of Missions.

W. P. McGEE,

W. J. SMITH,

Clerk.

Moderator.

Second District union meeting meets with Hinkle Creek Church, Friday before the 1st Sabbath in August, 1877. W. G. Thompson to preach Introductory Sermon, J. H. Taylor alternate.

The following brethren were appointed to write on subjects annexed:

Elder J. T. Freeman—Origin of the Church.

Elder J. H. Taylor—Prayer.

Elder W. M. Henderson—Temperance.

Elder J. Skinner—Faith.

H. G. Savage—John's Baptism.

J. A. Wheelock—Support of the Ministry.

Elder J. F. Harris —.

Elder W. C. Butler—Call to the Ministry.

Elder E. Z. Simmons—Foreign Missions.

G. W. Graham—Why we are Baptists.

J. C. Skillman—A Model Pastor.

R. J. Fleming—Sabbath Schools.

J. C. SKILLMAN,

Clerk.

E. Z. SIMMONS,

Moderator.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. A. Wheelock, Iuka.	J. F. Harris, Rienzi.
J. G. Kennedy, "	J. T. Harris, "
J. C. Hughes, "	G. H. Savage, "
T. R. Willett, Burnsville	W. M. Henderson, Rienzi.
J. Skinner, "	J. H. Byrd, Rienzi.
J. T. Freeman, Corinth.	L. R. Burress, Baldwyn.
B. M. Gurley, "	J. S. Berry, "
J. H. Taylor, "	Joshua Smith, "
E. Calahan, "	W. G. Thompson, Kossuth.
Thos. Moreland, "	Wm. Deatherage, "
E. B. McNeil, Booneville.	H. C. Spencer, "
E. T. Smith, "	W. T. Hughes, Marietta.
H. S. Archer, "	Wm. Archer, "
James Roberson, "	A. Butler, Chewalla, Tenn.
C. E. Brame, Jacinto.	W. C. Butler, "
J. K. P. Henderson.	H. G. Savage, Henderson, Tenn.
O. D. Fitzgerald, Rienzi.	

LICENTIATES.

D. W. Leath, Baldwyn.	C. C. Hardwick, Burnsville.
A. C. Vanderford, Baldwyn.	R. L. Gray, "
J. A. Wallace, "	E. F. Brock, Antioch.
J. E. Dillon, Corinth.	J. W. Landress, Booneville.
W. S. Landress, Booneville.	J. G. Chasteen, Jacinto.
W. C. Lowry, "	C. Deloach, Chewalla, Tenn.
D. Kennedy, "	

Prayer was led by Elder Joshua Smith, and a parting hymn was sung, during which the delegates gave each other the parting hand. Thus closed one of the most pleasant and harmonious sessions of this Association.

The Association was declared adjourned to meet with the church at Iuka on Thursday before 1st Sabbath in September, 1877.

Benediction by Elder E. B. McNeil.

R. J. FLEMING,

Clerk.

H. G. SAVAGE,

Moderator.

RULES OF ORDER.

ARTICLE I. The Association shall be opened with prayer.

ART. II. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order; any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided that appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

ART. III. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege speaking as other members, but not to vote unless his vote be necessary to decide a question. If he rises to speak, he shall call some brother to take the chair.

ART. IV. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded shall be opened for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall call the question by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made, it shall be decided by the members rising.

ART. V. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the same time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflections.

ART. VI. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject unless all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

ART. VII. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be decided before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over for motion, with the consent of the mover of the resolution.

ART. VIII. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches; then a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

ART. IX. The names of members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

ART. X. The appellation of Brother shall be used by members in addressing each other.

ART. XI. Any member violating these Rules, shall be subject to reprobation by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

ART. XII. Amendments or alterations may be made to these Rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

COVENANT.

Adopted in 1860 at the formation of the Association and afterwards ratified by the Churches.

ARTICLE 1. We, as independent churches, of Jesus Christ, do mutually covenant to unite our efforts and influence for the advancement of the cause of Christ, under the title of the **TISHOMINGO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**.

ART. 2. We agree to hold annual meetings, to be composed of delegates chosen by the respective churches, bearing letters to be read at the opening of the meeting, showing their appointment; and also showing the number received by baptism, by letter, by restoration and dismissal by letter; excluded and dead during the year, together with the whole number in fellowship.

ART. 3. We agree that every church belonging to this body, shall be entitled to three delegates, until they number one hundred members, then one for every hundred above that number.

ART. 4. When any church shall fail to communicate with this body for three successive meetings it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and will be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members shall request its continuance, and will also engage to inquire into its standing, and report at the next annual meeting.

ART. 5. Other churches may be admitted into this union by signifying their wish by letter, and delegates, provided they be deemed scriptural.

ART. 6. We will elect a Moderator and Clerk by ballot, at each annual meeting, so soon as the letters from the churches are read and members names enroiled—letters from petitioning churches being received that their delegates may also have the privilege of voting.

ART. 7. We disclaim any right to adopt rules that at any time infringe upon the independence and right of churches. We may however, advise churches when they request it, and will withdraw from such as become heretical in doctrine or disorderly in discipline.

ART. 8. We will have an Executive Board, composed of five members elected annually, and the Moderator and Clerk, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all the funds sent up by the churches, and dispose of the same as the churches may direct; and to take the oversight of all missions and colportage in the bounds of the Association not otherwise provided for.

ART. 9. We will correspond with sister Associations.

ART. 10. We will have our Minutes read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Session rises; and will not adjourn except in extraordinary cases, until all the business is finished.

ART. 11. We will, while convened, appoint the time and place of holding the next annual meeting, and elect a brother to preach the next introductory sermon; and may make such alterations and amendments to this Covenant as two-thirds of the members present may deem necessary.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE	DELEGATES.
Antioch	W. M. Henderson	Miss.	T. P. M. U. Norman, J. T. Harris, W. H. Harris
Baldwyn	J. W. Sanford	Baldwyn	J. S. Berry, Jno. D. Bills
Bethel	J. F. Harris	Kosciusko	* No delegates
Brush Creek		Burnsville	B. F. Duncan, T. R. Muse
Burnsville	E. B. McNeil	Bonneville	H. M. Cobb
Booneville	E. T. Smith	Booneville	E. B. McNeil, J. A. Hendon, J. V. Alexander, J. W. Smith
Casey Creek	H. G. Savage	Corinth	Wm. Archer, Albert Mays, J. H. Hazelwood, D. R. Hooker, R. Tison
Cane Creek		Rienzi	* No delegates
Concord	J. W. Sanford	Corinth	R. J. Fleming
Corinth	W. G. Thompson	Corinth	H. H. Taylor, W. W. Smith
Farmington	E. T. Smith	Booneville	W. B. Payne, W. R. Payne, J. Coffey
Friendship		Corinth	David Horne
Gravel Hill	Jas. H. Curry	Moses	M. Wilson, J. W. Sanders, W. H. Chandler
Glendale	Moses Wlett	Corinth	* No delegates
Harmony		Rienzi	H. G. Savage, J. F. Harris, Wm. Benerson
Hinkley Creek	H. G. Savage	Burnsville	J. Skinner
Iuka	R. W. Officer	Iuka	C. E. Brane, E. Autry, K. G. Masey
Indian Creek		Kosciusko	* No delegates
Kosciusko	H. G. Savage	Burnsville	E. Z. Simmons, H. M. Conn, T. H. Underwood
Liberty Hill	Jas. Robison	Bay Springs	W. P. Holt, C. C. Hardwick, H. G. Williams
Little Brown Creek	Mt. Olive	Baldwyn	* No delegates
Mt. Gilead	Mt. Pleasant	Iuka	L. R. Barnes, W. P. McGee, W. J. Smith
Mt. Hebron	G. H. Savage	Booneville	* No delegates
Meadow Creek	W. M. Henderson	Baldwyn	E. G. Robinson, John Bucham, C. R. Duncan
New Salem	H. S. Archer	Booneville	J. A. Wallace, J. J. Davis
Oak Hill		Burnsville	E. T. Smith, Jas. Robinson, E. Everett
Osborne Creek	D. W. Leath	Baldwyn	* No delegates
Pleasant Grove	H. G. Savage	Booneville	Thos. Burris, S. P. Shaw
Pleasant Hill	A. W. Sandlin	Marietta	S. H. Archer, P. W. Jones
Providence		Corinth	* No delegates
Piney Grove	Wm. Henderson	Boneville	J. S. Livingstone, J. J. Henderson
Rienzi	G. H. Savage	Rienzi	N. Reeves, A. Hunt
Rock Mt.	G. M. Savage	Rienzi	* No delegates
Sards		Burnsville	J. H. Barnes, H. C. Fields
Shady Grove		Burnsville	* No delegates
Shiloh	E. Calahan	Corinth	J. H. Barnes, H. C. Fields
Tuscumbia	W. G. Thompson	Kosciusko	E. Calahan, J. M. Gray, W. Whitaker
Union	W. C. Butler	Chewalla	J. N. Stephenson
	G. W. Williams	Tenn.	H. Williston

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OFFICERS:

H. S. ARCHER, - - MODERATOR.
R. J. FLEMING, - - CLERK.

Executive Board.

**J. W. BURRESS, J. D. BILLS, W. L. GIBSON,
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The committees on Home and Foreign Missions were consolidated into one committee.

Committees appointed as follows:

Finance—J. L. Bramlett, J. H. Barnett, and John T. Meeks.

State of Religion—O. D. Fitzgerald, W. J. Calvary and J. W. Burress.

Sunday Schools—J. D. Bills, W. H. Chandler and E. B. McNeil.

Queries and Difficulties—J. S. Berry, G. M. Savage and J. V. Alexander.

Schools and Colleges—E. B. McNeil, Thos. Moreland and J. W. Burress.

Literary and Publication Interests—L. R. Burress, A. W. Petty and H. M. Cobb.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Unity Association meets with Piney Grove Church, west of Henderson, Tennessee, embracing second Sabbath in September, 1877.

Chickasaw Association meets with Salem Church, Friday before third Sabbath in September, 1877.

Tippah Association meets with Chewalla Church, five miles east of Holly Springs, on fourth Sabbath in September, 1877.

Judson Association meets with Hopewell Church, Thursday before second Sabbath in September, 1877.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

Southern Baptist Convention meets in Nashville, Tennessee, in May, 1878.

Tennessee Baptist State Convention meets in Chattanooga in May, 1878.

Big Hatchie Association, fourth Sunday in July, 1878—place not known.

Aberdeen Association meets second Sunday in October, 1877.

On motion, it was ordered that any of our members who may be present at the sessions of the bodies with which we correspond are authorized to represent us.

On motion, Elders O. D. Fitzgerald, H. G. Savage and L. R. Burress were appointed a committee to nominate an Executive Board for the ensuing year, to report this evening.

ASSOCIATIONAL SERMON.

Elder L. R. Burress was elected to preach the next Associational Sermon. Elder J. S. Berry, alternate. The sermon to be preached at the will of the Association.

TIME AND PLACE.

Thursday before first Sabbath in October, 1878, was fixed as the time, and Baldwyn as the place of holding the next session of this Association.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON.

The Association suspended at 10 o'clock and went to the M. E. Church and heard the Introductory Sermon preached by Elder H. S. Archer, from the following text: "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name."—*Phillipians, 2nd chapter, 9th verse.* The sermon was earnest and impressive, and was listened to with marked interest by the large audience present.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Association met and was opened with prayer by Elder H. G. Savage.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee, through their Chairman, J. D. Bills, submitted their report urging the necessity of Sabbath Schools and the importance of each church organizing a Sabbath School, and recommending that pastors preach at least one sermon on this subject, and that each church send up statistics of their Sabbath Schools. Report adopted.

Elder E. B. McNeil offered the following resolution, which was heartily endorsed and adopted.

Resolved, That we recommend to the members of the several churches of this Association that they organize themselves and their families into Bible Classes and Sabbath Schools, as soon and as far as practicable.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

Your Committee on Schools and Colleges report that we cordially recommend as entirely worthy of our patronage Mississippi College at Clinton, Mississippi, and under the control of our State Convention, and the South-Western Baptist University at Jackson, Tennessee, for males; and Blue Mountain Female Institute, in Tippah county, under the supervision of Elder W. P. Lowry.

E. B. MCNEIL, *Chairman.*

The above report was warmly discussed by Elders E. Z. Simmons, H. G. Savage, E. B. McNeil, W. L. Skinner and L. R. Burress, and adopted.

Announced that Elder J. S. Berry would preach at M. E. Church to-night.

Recess until 8 o'clock P. M.

8 O'CLOCK P. M.

Opened with prayer by Elder W. L. Skinner.

Report on Home Missions was set at special hour, to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

LITERARY AND PUBLICATION INTERESTS.

Your Committee announce with gratitude that we have an organ in *The Mississippi Baptist Record* every way worthy of our patronage. We no longer fear the enterprise as being an experiment of doubtful success, but as an accomplishment that we hail with joy. We urge that every family within our limits take a copy of this self-

sustaining paper. Its excellencies are that it is a sound, wholesome exponent of Truth as Baptists believe and should teach.

We also continue an expression of our high appreciation of *The Baptist*, and hope that the *Young Guard* will stand unflinchingly as did its fathers in its support.

Take Kind Words in your families and Sabbath Schools.

L. R. BURRESS, *Chairman.*

Above was warmly advocated and adopted.

Report on Queries and Difficulties was tabled. Announced that Elder H. G. Savage would preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. Benediction by Elder W. L. Skinner.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 1st, 1877.

Association was opened by reading 22nd Psalm. Prayer by Elder McNeil.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The committee appointed to nominate an Executive Board reported, and recommended J. W. Burress, J. D. Bills, W. I. Gibson, J. W. Smith, and J. F. Jones; and that the Board be located at Booneville, which report was unanimously adopted, and the above brethren elected.

CASEY CREEK AND PLEASANT GROVE.

The Committee reported as follows:

Your special Committee, which was appointed to report concerning the Pleasant Grove and Casey Creek difficulty, finds much to embarrass them. Its long duration has doubtless provoked much jealousy and impatience, and however guilty *the one* may have been, *the other* has not preserved entire innocence. Your Committee would not condemn either one of the above churches, which form integral parts of your Association separately, but recognize disorderly discipline in their midst; and, according to the latter clause of Article 7 of your Covenant, your interference is rightly invoked.

Your Committee, therefore, suggest that you appoint seven men of honest report, full of wisdom and the Holy Ghost, as a Committee whose duty it shall be to labor for a reconciliation between the two churches, and report through these churches to your body during its next sitting.

Your Committee further suggests that you advise each of these churches, through their respective messengers, now present, not to offer any gift unto the Lord, nor to celebrate the death of the Blessed Savior, until reconciliation is effected, when the Lord will accept the gifts and sacrifices as peace offerings.

L. R. BURRESS, *Chairman.*

The above report was adopted, and the following committee, consisting of L. R. Burress, H. G. Savage, J. S. Berry, J. L. Bramlett, W. J. Smith, J. H. Barnett, J. Skinner, appointed to labor with said churches.

STATE OF RELIGION.

Committee reported, showing that but few churches had reported any increase during the year, and urged the brethren to

be more zealous and faithful in the cause of our Blessed Master.
Report adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee through their Chairman, Elder E. Z. Simmons, submitted a report, which was advocated and discussed at length by a number of brethren, and the following resolution offered by Brother Bills, as an amendment, was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That in raising funds for the support of the ministry, the Bible plan of contributing on the first day of the week, according as the Lord has prospered us, be recommended to the churches, and that they be requested to begin at once, and report once a month to the Executive Board.

ELDER E. B. MCNEIL.

WHEREAS, Our beloved brother, Elder E. B. McNeil, proposes to labor as an Evangelist and Missionary in Louisiana, next year, we cordially recommend him to boards and persons interested in such labors, and to the good people among whom he may be called in the cause of Christ.

Finance—Committee reported \$37.40 collected for minutes. Report adopted, and Clerk instructed to have 500 copies of minutes printed and retain balance for services.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Executive Board reports as follows:

At our last Association pledges were made for missionary purposes to the amount of \$286.75; also \$40.00 in ministerial labor. On the 5th Sunday in May, the President called a meeting of the Board at Booneville. At that time only a little over thirty dollars of the \$286.00 had been received into the treasury of the Board. After earnest prayer to God for His guiding grace, we decided on the following plan of operations: The Secretary was authorized to employ as many ministers as our means would allow, to hold protracted meetings in different parts of the Association; accordingly, the following brethren were engaged: Elder H. G. Savage, two meetings; Elder L. R. Burress, two meetings; Elder E. T. Smith, two meetings; and Elder W. S. Landress, three meetings. These meetings were engaged to be held in such places as it was thought the greatest amount of good could be accomplished.

On account of limited means your Board could not occupy every destitute place in the bounds of our Association. We resolved to keep out of debt and work within our means. Our four missionaries have not made their reports and we are not able to give an account of the work done. Brother Byrd, who subscribed \$10 in labor, reports that he held a meeting, as a missionary of the Board, with good results. Four were converted, and eight additions to Union Church. Brother Byrd did other work besides.

Of the pledges made at our last Association the following amounts have been received:

Gravel Hill Church.....	\$10 00	Kossuth Church.....	\$5 00
Rienzi Church.....	10 00	Union Church.....	5 00
Hinkle Creek.....	12 85	W. I. Gibson.....	5 00
Shiloh Church.....	5 30	Hepsiba Church.....	5 00
Farmington Church.....	2 50	E. Z. Simmons.....	5 00
Burnsville Church.....	3 00		
Total.....			\$68 65

We cannot now state how much there will be left in Treasurer's hands, as we have yet to make a settlement with our missionaries.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. BILLS, *President.*

J. S. BERRY, *Secretary.*

Report was adopted, after being warmly advocated by a number of brethren.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee reported very favorable progress in Foreign Missions, and urged more zeal in giving to the support of our missionaries in foreign lands.

A collection was taken up, which amounted to \$19.05, which was paid to Elder E. Z. Simmons.

HOME MISSIONS.

The following contributions and pledges were made for Home Missions, to be paid on the 1st of January next:

H. M. Cobb.....	\$2 50	H. G. Savage.....	\$5 00
W. H. Blakeney.....	2 50	J. S. Berry.....	5 00
A. W. Petty	5 00		
Total.....			\$20 00
Henry Hines, paid.....	\$1 00	E. Z. Simmons, paid.....	\$1 00
W. L. Skinner, paid.....	50	Wm. New, paid.....	1 00
J. H. Taylor, paid.....	1 00	H. S. Archer, paid.....	1 00
W. J. Calvary, paid.....	1 50		
Total.....			\$6 00

The cash was paid to Executive Board.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to Iuka Church and citizens, for the hospitable and cordial welcome extended to our delegates, and to the M. E. Church, for the use of their house of worship; also to the M. & C. and M. & O. Railroad Companies for reduced rates of fare to delegates.

Prayer was offered by Moderator, and during the singing of "Children of the Heavenly King," the parting hand was extended and the Association was declared adjourned, to meet with the Church at Baldwyn, on Thursday, before first Sabbath in October, 1878.

H. S. ARCHER, *Moderator.*

R. J. FLEMING, *Clerk.*

N. B.—Under Article 4 of Covenant, the following churches were dropped from the roll, viz: Little Brown's Creek, Pleasant Hill, Rocky Mount.

Clerk.

FIRST DISTRICT UNION MEETING

Meets with Providence Church, three miles east of Booneville, Prentiss county, on Thursday before the last Sunday in July, 1878. Elder L. R. Burress to preach Introductory Sermon; Elder H. S. Archer, alternate.

The following brethren were appointed to write on the subjects annexed:

- Elder H. S. Archer—Origin of Infant Baptism.
- Elder J. S. Berry—Missions.
- Elder L. R. Burress—Evils of Infant Baptism.
- Brother J. L. Bramlett—What is Prayer?
- Brother J. W. Burress—Duty of Attending Union Meetings.
- Brother J. D. Bills—Should the First Day of the Week be called Sunday?

Elder A. J. Evans—Design of the Gospel.
Brother W. P. Magee—How often should the Communion be observed?

- Elder A. C. Vandivere—Model Minister.
- Brother W. J. Smith—Model Church.
- Elder E. T. Smith—Call to the Ministry.

W. J. SMITH, *Moderator.*

W. P. MAGEE, *Clerk.*

SECOND DISTRICT UNION MEETING

Meets with Tuscmibia Church, Thursday before the first Sunday in August, 1878.

The following brethren were appointed to write on subjects annexed:

- H. G. Savage—Origin of the Church.
- J. H. Taylor—Prayer.
- J. C. Skillman—A Model Church.
- J. Skinner—Faith.
- R. J. Fleming—Sabbath Schools.
- J. F. Harris—His own Subject.
- J. M. Martin—Regeneration.
- Wm. H. Harris—Effect of Sin.
- W. C. Butler—Call to the Ministry.
- W. G. Thompson—Why we are Baptists.
- J. T. Harris—His own Subject.

E. Z. SIMMONS, *Moderator.*

J. C. SKILLMAN, *Clerk.*

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. A. Wheelock, Iuka.	J. F. Harris, Rienzi.
J. G. Kennedy, "	J. T. Harris, "
J. C. Hughes, "	G. H. Savage, "
T. R. Willett, Burnsville.	W. M. Henderson, Rienzi.
J. Skinner, Burnsville.	J. H. Byrd, Rienzi.
B. M. Gurley, Corinth.	L. R. Burress, Baldwyn.
J. H. Taylor, "	J. S. Berry, "
E. Calahan, "	Joshua Smith, "
Thos. Moreland, Corinth.	W. G. Thompson, Kossuth.

E. B. McNeil, Booneville.
 E. T. Smith, "
 H. S. Archer, "
 James Robertson, Booneville.
 J. K. P. Henderson, Kossuth.
 O. D. Fitzgerald, Rienzi.
 W. J. Calvary, Kossuth.

Wm. Deatherage, Kossuth.
 H. C. Spencer, "
 W. T. Hughes, Marietta.
 Wm. Archer, "
 A. Butler, Chewalla, Tenn.
 W. C. Butler, " "
 H. G. Savage, Henderson, Tenn.

LICENTIATES.

D. W. Leath, Baldwyn.
 A. C. Vanderford, Baldwyn.
 J. A. Wallace, "
 J. E. Dillon, Corinth.
 W. S. Landress, Booneville.
 W. C. Lowry, "
 D. Kennedy, "

C. C. Hardwick, Burnsville.
 R. L. Gray, Burnsville.
 E. F. Brock, Antioch.
 J. W. Landress, Booneville.
 J. G. Chasteen, Jacinto.
 C. Deloach, Chewalla, Tenn.

RULES OF ORDER.

ARTICLE I. The Association shall be opened with prayer.

ART. II. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order; but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided that appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

ART. III. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote unless his vote be necessary to decide a question. If he rises to speak, he shall call some brother to take the chair.

ART. IV. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded, shall be opened for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made, it shall be decided by the members rising.

ART. V. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the same time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflections.

ART. VI. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

ART. VII. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be decided before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over for motion, with the consent of the mover of the resolution.

ART. VIII. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches; then a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

ART. IX. The names of members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

ART. X. The appellation of Brother shall be used by members in addressing each other.

ART. XI. Any member violating these Rules, shall be subject to be reproved by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

ART. XII. Amendments or alterations may be made to these Rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

COVENANT.

ADOPTED in 1860 at the formation of the Association, and afterwards ratified by the Churches.

ARTICLE 1. We, as independent Churches of Jesus Christ, do mutually covenant to unite our efforts and influence for the advancement of the cause of Christ, under the title of the **TISHOMINGO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.**

ART. 2. We agree to hold annual meetings, to be composed of delegates chosen by the respective churches, bearing letters to be read at the opening of the meeting, showing their appointment; and also showing the number received by baptism, by letter, by restoration and dismission by letter, excluded and dead during the year, together with the whole number in fellowship.

ART. 3. We agree that every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates, until they number one hundred members, then one for every hundred above that number.

ART. 4. When any church shall fail to communicate with this body for three successive meetings it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and will be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members shall request its continuance, and will also engage to inquire into its standing, and report at the next annual meeting.

ART. 5. Other churches may be admitted into this union by signifying their wish by letter, and delegates, provided they be deemed scriptural.

ART. 6. We will elect a Moderator and Clerk by ballot, at each annual meeting, so soon as the letters from the churches are read and members names enrolled—letters from petitioning churches being received that their delegates may also have the privilege of voting.

ART. 7. We disclaim any right to adopt rules that at any time infringe upon the independence and right of churches. We may however, advise churches when they request it, and will withdraw from such as become heretical in doctrine or disorderly in discipline.

ART. 8. We will have an Executive Board, composed of five members elected annually, and the Moderator and Clerk, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all the funds sent up by the churches, and dispose of the same as the churches may direct; and to take the oversight of all missions and colportage in the bounds of the Association not otherwise provided for.

ART. 9. We will correspond with sister Associations.

ART. 10. We will have our Minutes read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Session rises; and will not adjourn except in extraordinary cases, until all the business is finished.

ART. 11. We will, while convened, appoint the time and place of holding the next annual meeting, and elect a brother to preach the next introductory sermon; and may make such alterations and amendments to this Covenant as two-thirds of the members present may deem necessary.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	POST OFFICE.	DELEGATES
Antioch	J S Berry	Rienzi, Miss	[Not represented]
Baldwyn	W M Henderson	Baldwyn, Miss	J W Burness, J D Hillis and J S Berry
Bethel		Pyburn, Bluff, Tenn	[Not represented]
Brush Creek		Kosciusko, Miss	[No delegates]
Burnsville		Burnsville, Miss	H M Couth
Booneville		Booneville, Miss	Elder E B McNeil, J V Alexander, J W Smith
Casey Creek	H S Archer	Marietta, Miss	Wm Archer, Wilson Langston
Corinth	E T Smith	Corinth, Miss	Elder Thomas Moreland, R Tison
Cane Creek	H G Savage	Corinth, Miss	R J Fleming, Wm New, C E Stanley
Farmington	G M Savage	Corinth, Miss	J H Taylor
Friendship	H G Savage	Boneville, Miss	[Statistics not furnished]
Gravel Hill		Gravel Hill, Tenn	[No delegates]
Glendale	Jos H Curry	Corinth, Miss	W H Chandler, Henry Hine, J F White
Harmony	Moses Wyatt	Monterey, Tenn	[No delegates]
Hinkle Creek	H G Savage	Rienzi, Miss	H G Savage
Heights	Wm Deathridge	Burnsville, Miss	Wm Deathridge, J Henson
Inka		Inka, Miss	W M Crenshaw, W J Dugger, P Reid
Kosciusko	L R Burress	Kosciusko, Miss	W R Richardson, E Z Simmons
Liberty Hill	Jos Robertson	Baldwyn, Miss	C C Hardwick, N Hardwick
Mt. Olive	L R Burress	Baldwyn, Miss	L R Burress
Mt. Gilhead	J Skinner	Inka, Miss	J C Hughes, L R Gray
Mt. Pleasant	T R Willett	Boneville, Miss	T R Willett, J M Burnham
Mt. Hbron	W M Henderson	Baldwyn, Miss	A C Vandiver, J F Morris, B Wallis
Meadow Creek	J S Berry	Boneville, Miss	John Wright, B S Robinson
New Salem	J A Wheelock	Burnsville, Miss	J Skinner, A J Counts, G Phillips
Oak Hill	L R Burress	Baldwyn, Miss	
Osborne Creek	H G Savage	Boneville, Miss	S H Archer, A W Petty, J L Brantlett
Pleasant Grove	A W Sandlin	Marietta, Miss	W T Hughes, E H Tyna, J H Harris
Providence		Boneville, Miss	W P Simmons, J S Livingston, N J Henderson
Piney Grove		Rienzi, Miss	
Rienzi		Burnsville, Miss	J H Barnett, O D Fitzgerald
Sardis	W C Patterson	Burnsville, Miss	J M Bishop, T R Willett, J M Grimes
Shady Grove		Burnsville, Miss	J W Edwards, S M Gray, J Gray
Shiloh		Kosciusko, Miss	J T Meek, N Z Terrell
Tuscumbia	W C Butler	Chewalla, Tenn	[No delegates]
Union	J T Harris	Kosciusko, Miss	W J Calvary, C T Marie, T C Essary
Big Hill	T R Willett	Jacinto, Miss	James Vyles, George Vortes
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